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Cromwell Advertisement

**I. HALLENSTEIN and Co.,**  
GENERAL IMPORTERS,

**CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, ARROWTOWN, & MELBOURNE.**

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants generally to our Large Stock, as enumerated in this advertisement. It does not detail all the articles, but for to do so would be almost impossible. We have endeavoured to enumerate all the principal articles of each class; but every want necessary in a Mining, Agricultural, and Pastoral community can be supplied.

All our purchases being for cash, we thus possess an advantage that few are able to avail themselves of.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, with the conviction that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed, and the articles found to be of good value.

**Drapery.**—The attention of Ladies is respectfully directed to this Department. It will be found replete with all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets, and arrangements have been made for regular shipments per each steamer.

Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpacas, challies, mohairs, winceys, muslins, prints, coburges Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, skirtings, jackets, &c.

Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trimmings of all kinds  
Ladies' and Children's Underclothing.—Our stock will be found the largest and best-assorted on the Gold-fields

Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed

Feathers, flowers, corsets, chignons, &c.

A large assortment of white and coloured flannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and sheetings; and every other article required in the trade.

**Up Department.**—Men's Suits, Paget and sac; boys' ditto, Leopold, Stanley, sac, and knickerbocker; Trousers and vests, all kinds

Trousers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed, cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin

Shirts—white dress, regatta, Crimean, serge, Scotch twill, tweed, and jain

Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool, serge, merino, and cotton

Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds

Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched, felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes

Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings and sou'-westers; monkey jackets and pilot coats

All the above Goods are to our special order.

**Boots and Shoes.**—A splendid assortment, consisting of:

Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid, cashmere, morocco, and leather

Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet

Men's and boys' boots—elastic-side, Balmoral, Blucher, Wellington, half-Wellington, and riding boots; Colonial water-tights, made to our order in Melbourne

Gum boots—Hayward's North British and Liverpool; Hardy's nuggets.

**Carpets.**—In tapestry, felt, all-wool kidderminster, drugget; hearth-rugs.

**Matting.**—China and coir; oilcloth, door-mats.

**Ironmongery.** Mining Tools, and Agricultural Implements.—Anvils, axes, augers, adzes, balances, bells, bags, blacking, brushes (all kinds), baking-dishes, billies, braces and bits, black-lead, bellows, boilers, bedsteads, bolts, blocks, candlesticks, chains (various), candle-moulds, colanders, compasses, chisels, coal-scuttles, scoop and vase; corkscrews, coffin furniture, cash-boxes, door-scrappers, drippers, egg-whisks, slice and cups; fuse, frying-pans, funnels, files, fenders and fire-irons, fish-hooks, gimblots, grindstones, graters, glue, gridirons, gold-blowers, dishes and sieves, grates, galls, guns, glue-pots, hammers (all kinds), hoes, jelly-moulds, knives, a large assortment; knives and forks, knife-boards, kettles, lanterns, locks, ladles, milk dishes, cans, strainers, sieves, and yokes; measuring tapes, mops, mallets, nails of every kind, pitch, picks, pumps, powder, pincers, piping, ploughs, quoits, quicksilver, rules, rope, resin, rivets, rasps, rakes, ship scrapers, sickles and bats, slop-pails, saws of all kinds, sieves, seaming twine, sponges, scoops, sheep-shears, saucepans, shovels and spades, spirit-levels, soldering-irons, solder, spokeshaves, shot, steelyards, scales, screws, staples, stewpans, teapots, trowels, tar tacks, tubs, trowsers, vices, waiters, washing boards and powder, window furniture of all kinds, writing cases, zinc, &c., &c.

**umber and Building Materials.**—Shelving, 12 and 14 inches wide; T. and G. lumber T. and G. Scotch Flooring,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch; beaded and plain match lining

Quartering, American hardwood, 3 x 1, 3 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3 x 2, 4 x 3, 4 x 6; mouldings, various sizes

Galvanised and painted iron, all sizes; rolled zinc, spouting, brackets, down-piping heats

Screws, nails, locks, hinges, and bolts: doors, glass, raised panel, and plain sashes, all sizes.

**Paints, Paperhangings, Oils.**—Paints of all kinds; white and red lead; black, green, blue, umbre, ochre, &c.; Oils—raw, boiled, colza, olive, turpentine, &c.; oak and copal varnish, asphaltum, oak-stain, knotting

Paperhangings—a large assortment of drawing-room, sitting-room, bed-room, hall, passage, and ceiling, various; borderings, all kinds.

**Ware of every description, a large assortment, all kinds.**

**Iron Utensils.**—Stoves, boilers, saucepans, kettles, &c.

**Rockery.**—a large and well-assorted department.

**Umps, Glassware, Kerose, Lampware.**—large assortment.

**Furniture, Bedding, &c.**—Bedsteads: an assortment of French and stump double, single, and children's bedsteads and cots

Chairs: Ladies, Florence, Lincoln, Fillmore, dining, American wood, spring hair, rocking; easy-chairs, in hair, cane, and wood

Commodore, cheffoniers, children's high and low chairs, cane and wood; chests of drawers

Tables: round and square, dining, loo, and dressing, various

Washstands, in cedar and walnut; towel-horses, mahogany, cedar, turned and plain

Sofas, a large assortment, colonial made, with or without backs, pillows, and cushions

Mattresses: feather, hair, flock, fibre, any size; pillows and bolsters, do. do. do.

**Leather.**—Crop, kip, calf, kangaroo, &c., from the Tannery of Michaelis, Hallenstein, and Co

**Shoemaking.**—a large assortment.

**Tobacco and Cigars.**—Being direct importers of these goods, buyers can always depend on getting a first-class article.

Tobacco: fancy and aromatic, silver coil, Atlantic cable, old sport, navy, fives, sixes, tens, imperial ruby, gold bar; dark aromatic—tens, bashful lover, little sunshade, monster; Barrett's twist and cut tobaccos; snuff

Cigars: Trubacos, Havanah, Princess, and Swiss.

**Stationery and Books.**—Account-books, all sizes and bindings; minute-books, bill-files, blotting-paper, memo. books, copying letter-books, copy and exercise books, date-cases, envelopes, all kinds and sizes; elastic bands, foolscap (plain and ruled), gum mullage, ink of all kinds; inkstands, a large variety; letter balances, clips, and files; pass-books

Note and letter paper, white, blue, and mourning; pens of all kinds, pencils, playing-cards, pocket-books, purses, slates, albums, rulers, sealing-wax, tissue-paper, all colours; desks

Books: an assortment of family and pocket Bibles, church services, and prayer-books

Poetical Works of Byron, Moore, Scott, Burns, Milton, Cowper, Cook, Campbell, Longfellow

Gift books; dictionaries—French, Latin, German, and English; geographies, arithmetics.

**Toy Goods.**—A large, choice, and varied assortment.

**Medicines.**—Large assortment; also, a variety of Horse Medicines.

**Perfumery.**—"from every flower that breathes a fragrance."

**Shoemaking.**—This department will be found very complete, as all goods are manufactured expressly for us by Alston, of Melbourne.

Bridles, with or without bits; a large assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's, double and single rein, Pelham and snaffle; all prices.

Curry-combs and brushes of all kinds; halters; hobbles, various.

Saddles, ladies' and gentlemen's; demy, stock, green hide, and all over hogskin; various prices.

Saddle-cloths, kersey, felt; saddle-girths, leather, web; saddle straps, spurs of all kinds; valises, martingales and breastplates, various; stirrup leathers, ladies' slippers and stirrup leathers, cruppers, bits, burnisters, headstalls, ladies' worked saddle-cloths.

Spring cart harness complete, dray harness complete, leading sets complete.

Pack saddles, straps, needles, buckles, hemp knives.

Whips, a large variety; jockey whips, silver mounted, green hide; ladies' twigs, various kinds; buggy whips, cart whips, all sizes; stockwhips and handles, thongs of all kinds.

**Flour.**—Agents for Robertson and Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills, Lake Wakatipu.—We have for sale their silk-dressed Flour, (equal to Adelaide); pollard, bran, oats, wheat, barley, chaff. Garden seeds in great variety.

**Dries.**—Tents, tarpaulins, Manilla rope, hose canvas, horse-covers, wheelbarrows, hose-directors, brushware, camp and colonial ovens, candles, lime, &c. &c. &c.

Cromwell Advertisements

SUMMER FASHIONS.

**LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.**

**W. TALBOYS,**

DRAPER, SILK-MERCER, HABERDASHER, AND GENERAL OUTFITTER,

Begs to call public attention to the arrival of his extensive

**STOCK OF NEW & SEASONABLE GOODS,**

EMBRACING EVERY NOVELTY PRODUCED FOR THE PRESENT SEASON.

A magnificent assortment of DRESS MATERIALS, in all the newest shades and fabrics: Plain and Embroidered Grenadines—New Tinted Alpacas—Roubaix Silk Reps—Delaines—Marl Mohairs—Fancy Muslins—Diaper—Hoyle's Prints, &c.

The MILLINERY DEPARTMENT contains the latest specialities for the present season: Ladies' trimmed and untrimmed Straw Hats in all the newest shapes—Ladies' and Children's Sun Hats—large selection of Flowers, Ribbons, and Feathers.

The FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT comprises an endless variety of Lace Ties, Scarfs, Collarettes, Chemisettes, and Muslin Jackets.

HOUSEHOLD DRAPERY:—Large stock of Blankets, Flannels, Sheetings, Table Linen, Calicoes, Towellings, Muslin Curtains, Brown Holland, Linen, Diaper, Marcella; Coir Matting; Carpets.

THE GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT is replete with every novelty of the season, and contains all the new cuts in Coats, Trousers, and Vests; a choice collection of Scarfs and Ties, Collars, &c.; Gentlemen's Hats in variety.

Splendid assortment of MEN'S, YOUTHS', and BOYS' CLOTHING.

The BOOT DEPARTMENT includes Ladies' and Children's single and double soled Kid and Cashmere E.S. Boots; also, Men's E.S., Watertight, Nugget, and Gum Boots.

Five per cent. Discount allowed on all Cash Purchases.



**THE CROMWELL BAKERY**

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

**VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.**

I. WRIGHT,

FAMILY GROCER.

Crockery, Glassware, Musical Instruments, Brushware, Stationery, Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods and Toys of every description, Paperhangings, Glass, Oils, Colours, Paint, Varnish, Glue, Cue Tips, &c. Thompson's Cement for Cue Tips, English & Colonial Newspapers and Magazines | Oats & Chaff.



**SHAMROCK STORE,**

CROMWELL.

**WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

**WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.**

A large and varied assortment of WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district free of charge.

**CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD**  
LATE MR GRANT'S  
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD

**JAMES TAYLOR,**

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST PRICES compatible with Good Material and Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs, Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.

Building, Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners' Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manilla Rope,

SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

**TO LET ON LEASE, the KAWARAU HOTEL, Cromwell, now occupied by Mr W. SMITHAM.**

Apply to

Mr GEO. JENOUR,

10-12 Cromwell.

[A CARD.]

**DR. JAMES CORSE,**

SURGEON,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

[A CARD.]

**MR H. W. SMYTHIES**

MINING SURVEYOR,

CROMWELL.

**WILLIAM MACNAB,**

ACCOUNTANT

AND

COMMISSION AGENT.

The Registration and Legal Managership of Mining Companies undertaken.

**MR. W. W. WILSON**

BARRISTER, SOLICITOR,

AND

CONVEYANCER,

Will regularly attend the Courts at Cromwell.

**THOMAS FOOTE,**

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,

MELMORE TERRACE,

CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

**JOHN E. BEATTIE,** having been appointed

RANGER OF MOUNT PISA STATION,

Is prepared to

YARD HORSES AND CATTLE

On the shortest notice.

Terms moderate.

## Cromwell Advertisements



**DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE  
AND  
RETAIL  
FAMILY GROCERS,  
AND  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes  
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality  
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands  
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf  
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultana, and Eleme  
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces  
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality  
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's Twist, Old Sport, and Aromatic  
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene  
Candles of the best brands  
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.  
Wakatip Oats, Wheat, and Chaff  
SPIRITS.  
Islay Whisky—Arbeg's and Long Jones'  
Hennessey's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk and case  
J.D.K.Z. Geneva  
Burnett's Old Tom  
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk  
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's  
CORDIALS.  
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint, Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.  
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

## WAKATIP BREWERY.

**MESSRS SURMAN AND DAVIS**  
beg to inform the Public of Cromwell and the surrounding districts that, in order to meet the constantly increasing demand for their **ALES,**

they have appointed Messrs D. A. JOLLY & Co. their AGENTS IN CROMWELL.

Messrs D. A. JOLLY and Co. will from this date be in a position to supply Wakatip Ale (of prime quality) in bulk or bottle, at prices that will defy competition.

Ale or Porter, 12s per doz.

Queenstown, October 30, 1871.

**DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,**

HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF

**IRONMONGERY,**

Beg to call public attention to the following:—

Blasting Powder and Fuse; Long and Short handle Shovels  
Picks, Pick Handles, and Sluice Forks; Pannikins, Gold Dishes, Billies; Galvanised Iron Buckets; American Tubs, Buckets, and Brooms; Axes and Handles; Manila Rope for mining purposes; Drilling Hammers and Handles; White Lead; Castor Oil in bulk; Washing-boards; Brushware of every description; Nails; Canvas; Hose Pipes.—Contracts undertaken for supplying Mining Co.'s with Material of all kinds, on liberal terms. Free delivery

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'S  
DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,  
CROMWELL.

## KARL PRETSCH,

**COACH & GENERAL PAINTER,**  
etc.,  
Has now PAPERHANGINGS, PAINTS of every description, GLASS, and MOULDINGS, on Sale at Low Prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Decoration, and Sign Writing.  
Buggies and Vehicles of every description painted in the best style.

Colours Prepared in any Shade required

Address: Next door but one to MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

## Cromwell



CROMWELL.

**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,**  
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

\* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

BEEF, BY THE QUARTER, 3½d per lb.



OWEN PIERCE,

**SMITHFIELD CO'S BUTCHERY**  
CROMWELL.

Thanks his customers and the public generally for the patronage they have so liberally bestowed upon him. He now begs to announce that he is in a position to supply

**FIRST-CLASS MEAT**

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES:

Mutton (Quarters), 3d. to 4d. per lb.  
Mutton (Sides), 3½ per lb.  
Beef (boiling), 5d. per lb.  
Beef (roasting), 6d. per lb.  
Chops, 6d. per lb.  
Rump Steaks, 8d. per lb.  
Sausages, 9d. per lb.

Families waited on for orders.

Important to Hotelkeepers.

**C. NELSON & CO.** beg to intimate to the public of Cromwell and its environs that they have commenced business as Manufacturers of LEMONADE and GINGERBEER, in the new building in Inniscort-street, at the rear of Mr Barry's residence.

A SODA-WATER MACHINE will shortly arrive from Dunedin, when C. N. & Co. will be in a position to execute orders in this particular line.

Orders promptly attended to, and Goods delivered in all parts of the district.  
C. NELSON & CO.

**F. SANSON, SADDLER**  
AND  
HARNESS-MAKER,

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit the public patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every description made on the premises.  
Repairs done on the shortest notice.

WILLIAM BARNES, JUNR.,  
FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH,  
(Opposite Smitham's Kawarau Hotel).

WILLIAM BARNES, Junr., desires to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and the surrounding District that he has commenced business as a

**BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,**  
in New Premises,

situated opposite Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.  
His long practical experience in all branches of the Business, combined with MODERATE CHARGES, will, he trusts, secure to him a fair share of public patronage.

Every Branch of the Business attended to.

BARNES'S  
VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,  
CROMWELL.

**THE** undersigned begs to announce that having secured a constant supply of FAT CATTLE and SHEEP on favourable terms, he will shortly commence business as a **CARCASE BUTCHER** at Cromwell, and will be prepared to execute WHOLESALE ORDERS for BEEF and MUTTON at the lowest market rates.

Fat Stock always on hand.

W. J. BARRY,  
WHOLESALE SLAUGHTERMAN.

BEEF AND MUTTON,  
DEAD OR ALIVE,  
WHOLESALE ONLY.

## Cromwell

**KAWARAU HOTEL,**  
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM.....PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,  
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

**JUNCTION COMMERCIAL HOTEL,**  
CROMWELL.

**JOSEPH HARDING** begs to intimate that he has purchased from Mr G. W. GOODGER the above large and centrally-situated Hotel, and is now in a position to offer accommodation of a superior description to all who may favor him with their patronage.

His past experience in the WINE and SPIRIT trade, will he trusts, be a sufficient guarantee that the Spirits and Malt Liquors served will be as pure as on the day they left the vintery or the distillery.

The BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLORS, &c., are fitted up in the best style, and every attention will be paid to secure the comfort and convenience of visitors.

Large and Comfortable

BILLIARD ROOM,  
Fitted with one of Alcock's Tables.

Particular attention has been paid to the **STABLES** in connection with the Hotel, and the public may rely on Every Care being taken of their HORSES.

MEALS ready at ALL HOURS of the day.

J. HARDING.

Bridge Hotel, Cromwell.

JOHN MARSH,

OF THE BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.

## DAGG'S

**CLUTHA HOTEL,**  
CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge.

Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

**EDWARD LINDSAY,**  
(Late of Clyde and Melbourne).  
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND  
MACHINIST.

Begs to intimate to his customers and the general public that he has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Melbourne Terrace, where he will carry on every description of Blacksmith work and Farriery as heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public generally that he has gone to the expense of getting a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS on a new principle, being the first introduced up-country, which he will guarantee to give general satisfaction; also, that he has made a reduction in the price of horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES - - - 10s.  
DRAUGHT " - - - 16s.

EDWARD LINDSAY,  
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.

## Cromwell

**CROMWELL COAL**

NICHOLAS & CO.

Beg to inform the public of Cromwell and surrounding district that they have purchased the Lease of the above-named Coal Works, that they are now in a position to supply COAL of excellent quality on the shortest notice, at the same rates as heretofore—viz., 20s. ton at the Pit, or 32s. per ton delivered.

No INCREASE IN PRICES!

NICHOLAS & CO.,  
Coal Merchants.

**VICTORIA FIRE AND GENERAL**  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL.....£2,200

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,  
AGENTS,  
CROMWELL.

We have Now Opened the  
LARGEST & BEST-SELECTED STOCK

**DRAPERY AND CLOTHING**  
ever seen in Cromwell.

The Goods are marked off at such prices as will ensure a speedy sale.

I. HALLENSTEIN AND CO.

**Henry's Line of Royal Mail Coaches**

**EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY**

and FRIDAY, a coach of the above line leaves CLYDE for CROMWELL, ARROWTOWN, FRANKTON, and QUEENSTOWN, at six a.m., every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday it turns to Cromwell and Clyde, leaving Queenstown at six a.m.

Booking Office at Cromwell:—The Golden Age Hotel.  
J. V. HENRY, Proprietor.

## JOHN MARSHT'S

**LIVERY AND BAIT STABLES,**  
adjoining the  
BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

Saddle and Harness Horses on Hire.

Charges Moderate.

A First-Class Groom.

**WATERS'S PATENT WANGLE.**

MRS REID (next door to Heron's White Hart Hotel) is prepared to mangle Bed and Table linen for Families in Best Style, at moderate prices. 92

## NOTICE.

**WE**, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra, and Clyde districts that we have appointed

I. Hallenstein and Co., Cromwell.

As our only AGENTS for the sale of our Silk-dressed

FLOUR, BRAN, AND POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name, and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,  
Brunswick Flour Mills,  
LAKE WAKATIP.

**EARL OF CARRICK.**

The Imported Clydesdale Stallion  
"EARL OF CARRICK"  
will stand for the Season at POISON CREEK FARM, Wanaka Road; and will visit fortnightly each of the following places, viz.:—ALBERTTOWN, BANNOCKBURN, BENDIGO, CARDRONA, CROMWELL, and KAWARAU GORGE.

Terms, £1, payable at the end of the season

EARL OF CARRICK (imported from Victoria) is a beautiful black horse, possessing great bone and substance; is seven years old, and stands 16 hands high. He was bred at Mansfield, Victoria, by J. Steele, Esq., and was got by the famous horse BLACKLEG, which carried off thirty-one prizes, and never was beaten in Victoria.

EARL OF CARRICK's dam, a prize Clydesdale mare, imported from Scotland.

CHARLES HAIR, Proprietor,  
Poison Creek.

## Bannockburn

STUART'S FERRY,  
KAWARAU RIVER.

Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggon, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

## THE FERRY HOTEL

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,  
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,  
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

The new Ferry being now OPEN FOR TRAFFIC, the Public are invited to cross the Kawarau River on the

BEST PUNT IN THE PROVINCE, which is on the direct road to Bannockburn, the Nevis, and the Carrick Range Reefs.

John Richards - Proprietor.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD  
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

## JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD, Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN, NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet the increasing requirements of those districts, he has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,  
(Late of Loganstown),

GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS, Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that they have removed to CARRICKTOWN, next to McCormick's Carrick Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict attention to business, and reasonable charges, to merit a share of their patronage.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL.  
CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,  
Opposite the Royal Standard Co.'s Battery),  
QUARTZVILLE.

A spacious, well-lighted, and completely-furnished BILLIARD ROOM, with one of Paser's Best Tables.

The Carrick Range Hotel is within easy distance of the various Reefs, and an excellent dray-road (constructed at great expense by the Royal Standard Company) extends from the base to the summit of the Range.

The accommodation comprises Bar and Bar Parlour, handsomely fitted up; large and well-furnished Dining Room; Private Parlour; magnificent Hall, large and lofty, built expressly for Balls, Public meetings, &c.; and an extensive suite of really comfortable and commodious Single and Double Bed Rooms.

The premises will be found replete with every convenience; and the Proprietor confidently asserts that the Carrick Range Hotel affords to every class of visitors accommodation unsurpassed by any up-country hotel in Otago.

The situation is extremely picturesque, commanding a magnificent view of Mount Pisa, the Grandview Mountains, and the Upper Clutha Valley.

Table d'Hôte Daily from 12 till 2.

The culinary arrangements are under competent management, and it is the determination of the Proprietor to maintain this department in the highest state of efficiency.

First-class Six-stalled Stable attached.

Saddle Horses for Hire on Moderate Terms.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,  
QUARTZVILLE.  
(The only hotel in the vicinity of the Reefs.)

JOHN MCCORMICK.

Proprietor.

## Bannockburn

## QUARTZVILLE BUTCHERY.

## JOHN GRINDLEY

Begs to announce to the Public of Bannockburn and the Carrick Range, that he has opened a Butchering Establishment in the Township of QUARTZVILLE, next door to the CARRICK RANGE HOTEL, where he will always have on hand a supply of Prime BEEF, MUTTON, and PORK, at the lowest market rates.

A choice assortment of SMALL GOODS constantly on hand.

Orders delivered in any part of the District.

## BANNOCKBURN COAL MINE.

LOGAN & SCOTT,  
COAL MERCHANTS,

Having obtained a lease of the above well-known Coal Works, beg to inform the residents at Bannockburn, Carrick Range, Bendigo, Kawarau Gorge, and throughout the district, that they are prepared to SUPPLY (in any quantity) COAL of excellent quality, at 15s. per ton taken from the pit's mouth; or, delivered, 1s 9d per bag and upwards, according to distance.

N.B.—Drays leave the Bannockburn for Cromwell twice a week. Loading carried back on reasonable terms. 105

## Bendigo Gully, &amp;c.

## Rocky Point Ferry,

On the Main Line of Government Road to Bendigo.

REDUCED FARES.

GEORGE M'LACHLAN begs to intimate that he has purchased from Mr John McCormick, together with the Rocky Point FERRY HOTEL, the large and well-furnished PUNT recently placed on the Clutha at the above crossing-place.

This Punt is admitted to be one of the finest in the Province, and easily crosses the heaviest six and eight-horse waggons. Forty tons can be taken on the punt at once, and crossed with ease.

This being the nearest road to Bendigo, parties visiting the Reefs will find it to their advantage so cross at this punt. Vehicles of all descriptions ferried at moderate rates.

BENDIGO REEFS HOTEL.  
WAKEFIELD.

The undersigned having recently completed the above house at great expense, begs to intimate that he is now in a position to offer the best Accommodation to his patrons. The house has been fitted with every convenience for carrying on an extensive trade, and the comfort of visitors and boarders will be specially attended to.

Commodious BILLIARD ROOM, with one of the best Tables.

W. GOODALL,

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Wholesale and Retail  
STOREKEEPER,  
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,  
WAKEFIELD STORE,  
(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),  
BENDIGO.

GOODS DELIVERED

At all ports of the Reefs.

BENDIGO POST OFFICE.

## NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS is laid on ARDGOUR STATION. ALEX. McLEAN, Manager.

## NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this date. I. LOUGHNAN.

Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—27c

## CROMWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Reading-room is open to Subscribers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The Library contains an extensive variety of Books in every department of literature; and about £60 worth of New Works is expected to arrive shortly from Great Britain.

All the Provincial Newspapers, and a number of English Papers and Periodicals, are regularly received for the use of Subscribers.

Annual Subscription, £1 1s; Half-Yearly, 12s 6d; Quarterly, 7s 6d.

## Luggate

## ALBION HOTEL AND STORE,

## LUGGATE,

28 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka).

H. MAIDMAN ..... Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of travellers.

Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.

N.B.—District Post Office.

## Hawea and Wanaka

HAWEA SAW-MILLS,  
LAKE HAWEA.

ISBEL, FARQUHAR, & ROSS,  
PROPRIETORS.

## SAWN TIMBER

Of all descriptions can be supplied from the above Mills at Cromwell, Cardrona, or any other part of the district.

POSTS and RAILS, and all kinds of MINING TIMBER.

## WANAKA HOTEL, PEMBROKE.

The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.

The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.

An excellent Four-stalled STABLE, and a PADDOCK, for horses.

THEODORE RUSSELL,

Proprietor.

## Alexandra

MANUHERIKIA BREWERY,  
ALEXANDRA

THEYERS & BECK beg to announce that they are prepared to supply their SPARKLING XXXX ALES in any quantity.

Delivered free of cartage within twenty miles.

Orders left with

Mr THEYERS, Alexandra;

Mr C. P. BECK, Clyde;

Or at the BREWERY, will be promptly attended to.

THEYERS AND BECK,

BREWERS,

ALEXANDRA.

## Clyde

MR A. D. WILSON,

DISTRICT SURVEYOR & MINING  
ENGINEER,

CLYDE.

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## MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE

M. MARSHALL,

CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,  
SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.



Prescriptions carefully prepared.

BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS VENDER.

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a small advance upon English prices.

To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.

R. BARLOW,

PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,  
AND  
MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,  
CLYDE.

Has now on hand a choice and varied assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES; English, French, and American CLOCKS; also, a very choice selection of English & Colonial JEWELLERY, consisting of

Gold Scarf Pins

Locketts

Chains

Brooches

Ear-rings

Guards

Wedding, Signet, Gem, and Keeper Rings, Seals, Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the newest designs.

ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Watches & Clocks carefully Cleaned & Repaired.

## Cromwell

WATCH, CLOCK, JEWELLERY,  
AND FANCY REPOSITORY.

H. WAEBER,

PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER,  
CROMWELL,

Has removed to his NEW PREMISES.

All Repairs of Watches or Clocks Guaranteed for Twelve Months.

H. W. begs to notify that he has also on hand TOBACCOS, CIGARS, and a variety of Meerschaum and Briar PIPES, MOUTHPIECES, &c.

## TOBACCOS

(Of the Finest Quality)

5s. PER POUND.

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## BRITISH STORES,

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## R. PRITCHARD,

Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,  
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,  
ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines, Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district. A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, Drapery, &c.

Agent for T. ROBINSON & Co., Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin & Melbourne.

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JOHN O. MARDELL,  
MINING AGENT, SHAREBROKER,  
AND

General Commission Agent,  
Valuator, and Accountant,  
ARROWTOWN AND QUEENSTOWN.

Stock, Agricultural Produce, and General Merchandise Bought and Sold on Commission.

ROBERT BOYNE,  
GENERAL STOREKEEPER

AND NEWS AGENT,

Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods always on hand. Importer of English and Colonial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to, and newspapers forwarded to any part of the district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

[A CARD.]

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SALE ROOMS - BALLARAT-STREET,

QUEENSTOWN.

OFFICE:

Ballarat-st. (opposite the Family Hotel)

WATCH REPAIRING AND  
CLEANING.

CHARLES BEEBY,

(Formerly of Cromwell),

WATCHMAKER & MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,  
Rees-street, Queenstown.

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell District that any work entrusted to him will be executed by an EXPERIENCED WORKMAN, with accuracy and despatch.

Colonial Jewellery of all descriptions, trade-marked, made on the premises.



## CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

An EMERGENCY MEETING of the above Lodge will be held on THURSDAY Evening, the 4th January, at 7.30 sharp.

Business: Installation of Officers.

BANQUET after the Installation.

By order of the R.W.M.

## UNITED BANNOCKBURN CO.

A meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company will take place at Richards's Bannockburn Hotel on SATURDAY, the 6th January 1872, at 8 p.m. All Shareholders are requested to attend.

F. SHAMBROOK.

**WANTED—TEAMS** to convey WOOL from Pembroke to Dunedin. Apply to THEODORE RUSSELL,

13 Lake Wanaka.

**WANTED TO LET OR SELL**, with immediate possession, the PROVINCIAL HOTEL, Logantown. Apply to

BRIAN HEDDEN,

Bendigo.

## LETT'S DIARIES FOR 1872,

FULL SUPPLY.

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**MARSH'S ADELAIDE WINE** IF YOU WANT A TREAT. 89

A. W. ALLANBY,

**BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR,** CROMWELL.

**JUST ARRIVED,—FIRST-CLASS CANVAS.**

Manufactured expressly for Shuicing.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER YARD.

**FOR SALE,—MR GEO. MANSON'S** STORE in Potter's Gully, together with Stable, Sheep-pen, Piggeries, &c.

For a pushing business man an opening like the above seldom occurs. 12

JOHN RICHARDS,

Proprietor of the

**BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,** AND OF

RICHARDS'S FERRY, BANNOCKBURN.

Being anxious to retire from business, offers FOR SALE the whole of his PROPERTY, which will be disposed of either in one lot, or separately, to suit purchasers.

THE PROPERTY COMPRISES:

1. The BANNOCKBURN HOTEL, situate at the junction of the Ferry Roads, and fronting the road to Carrick Range and Nevis. The house contains a spacious Hall for public meetings; large Dining-room, two Sitting-rooms, five Bed-rooms, Bar-room, and every accommodation for carrying on a large business. Attached to the Hotel is a substantially-built Stable; also, Stockyard, Sheds, and other out-buildings.
2. The GENERAL STORE, now doing a large, lucrative, and steady trade, established upwards of four years; together with the STOCK-IN-TRADE, including Soft Goods, Provisions, Hardware, and every variety of goods required in a mining district.
3. The BAKERY & BUTCHERY BUSINESS, with Baker's Oven, Butcher's Shop, and all necessary appliances.
- The SELF-ACTING PUNT, BOAT, and GEAR belonging to the Upper Ferry.
5. An EIGHTH SHARE in the ELIZABETH Quartz-Mining Company, Carrick Range,—acknowledged to be one of the best mining properties in the Province.
6. FRUIT GARDEN, comprising an acre of ground, substantially fenced, and planted with Fruit Trees of all descriptions.

The only reason for wishing to dispose of the above Properties, is that Mr Richards, having been in the district since the outbreak of the Dunstan Rush, is now desirous of retiring altogether from active business.

## New Advertisements.

**EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.**—The Statutory ANNUAL MEETINGS for the ELECTION of SCHOOL COMMITTEES will be held in the Schoolhouses, or buildings used as Schoolhouses, in the several districts, upon MONDAY, the 8th day of January, 1872, at 7 p.m.

JOHN HISLOP,

Secretary.

## SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

**MR BARRY** will sell by public auction at Mr MARSH'S Bridge Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 4th January, at two o'clock, One Spring Cart and Harness, Two Horses, and an assortment of Men's and Boys' Clothing.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

**THE NEVIS FERRY PUNT** will be TAKEN OUT for REPAIRS, on the 27th January instant, for one week only.

A small BOAT will ply during the time the Punt is undergoing the necessary repairs.

W. EDWARDS,

Proprietor.

**FOR SALE, OR TO LET**, with immediate possession, a ONE-FIFTH SHARE in a WATER RACE, CLAIM, &c., situated at Kawarau Gorge.

For terms or particulars, apply to

JOHN TOWAN,

Grove Farm,

Cromwell.

**LOST**, in Cromwell, a DEPOSIT RECEIPT (Bank of New South Wales) for £30, marked FDR 11/1025, and dated 9th January, 1870. The finder will be rewarded on leaving the document at the Bank of New South Wales, Cromwell.

**NOTICE** is Hereby Given that the PARTNERSHIP heretofore subsisting between the undersigned WM. GEORGE SMITH and CHARLES O'DONNELL, both of Bendigo Gully, in the Province of Otago, carrying on business there in co-partnership, as Hotelkeepers and Storekeepers, under the style or firm of "SMITH AND O'DONNELL," has been this day DISSOLVED by mutual consent.

All claims against the late firm will be discharged by EITHER OF THE LATE PARTNERS, and all debts due to the said late firm may be paid to either of the said late partners.

Dated this thirtieth day of December, 1871.

WM. G. SMITH.

CHARLES O'DONNELL.

Witness to both signatures:

A. W. ALLANBY,

Solicitor,

Cromwell.

## Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 1872.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1871, has come round and passed into the long calendar of days which are never to return;—quietly, perhaps, yet not without its share of the charms and fond recollections it possesses for all English men and women. Though separated by a vast expanse of the great watery waste from the land which they call Home, they do not forget the happy days of their childhood, and, above all others, the Christmas Days spent in the land their memory holds dear. Many are the thoughts which crowd upon the minds of numbers of our colonists at this halcyon season; thoughts that carry them away (in imagination) to where kind and loving relatives are assembled together by the blazing yule-fire, affectionately speaking of the absent ones in far-distant lands, and longing for their return, if only for the briefest possible period, to the family circle which regrets their absence. At this season, more than at any other, the spirit of affection for absent kindred seems to rise strong in men's breasts, and the longing to see the loved faces of those who in early life were companions and associates is almost irresistible. Christmas Day is especially attractive to English people; our Scotch friends do not experience the same pleasurable feelings and tender recollections which begin to well up at its approach in the breasts of Englishmen,—wherever they may be. And the absence of these sentiments does not arise from any lack of feeling in the nature of Scotchmen; but simply from the fact that they can look back upon none of the happy associations of Christmas-time so common in England:—the happy re-union of families perhaps long separated; the anxiously looked-for return of joyous schoolboys, home for the vacation, with their merry faces and pleasant chatter; the hearty welcoming of numerous pretty cousins with their papas and mamas, and dressed in their winter jackets and furred robes; the good-humoured snowballing in which all join, and the hearty peals of joyous laughter which fill the air as the fun progresses; the social gatherings that

take place in the evening round the blazing and crackling logs that fill the huge fire-places, when the song, the dance, and the merry parlour-games are all joined in with such zest. These are associations which are never to be forgotten, and all conspire to make us look back with loving tenderness on the Christmas Days we have spent in the land from which we are now so far distant, and to regret the severance of our connection with it and the many friends we left behind.

We trust that the year which is now numbered with its eighteen hundred and seventy predecessors has been one of prosperity with most of our readers; with all we cannot reasonably suppose it to have been so. Some will have to look back on the year 1870 with sorrow as a period in which they have lost relations, friends, position, this world's possessions; while others have perhaps advanced in prosperity and been successful in all their undertakings. But this is a time when all sorrowful feelings should be thrown aside,—when those who have been unsuccessful in the past should hopefully look forward in anticipation of brighter days. We hope we shall many times have occasion to greet those who have read our few remarks to-day; and to wish them "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

The history of the Thames Goldfields, in the Province of Auckland, should be instructive to the miners in the Carrick District of Otago. We say to the miners, and speculators generally, take warning in time. We have much faith in the auriferous resources of the Carrick Range; but can scarcely believe in the unlimited credulity of some of the shareholders.

We ask, how much to the ton will pay? Experience alone can give us reliable data. We shall therefore make an extract from a most reliable journal—the *Thames Guardian and Mining Recorder*. It suggests to our minds that the proper and effective treatment of tailings,—which has been greatly neglected in this district hitherto,—should now be attended to, and would be, we think, attended with very profitable results. The Berdan is not unknown in this district: it is well known to practical miners who have seen the real work in the mines of California, Australia, and New Zealand. The experience of the Thames reefers should be sufficient for those who are doing in this district the pioneer work effected by those who opened up the Thames Goldfield. The true and complete extraction of gold from its matrix is a problem still,—and Dr Hector, and his scientific assistants, have not solved it.

We think the following portion of an official report by Mr Skey, as to the treatment of "tailings" from crushing-machines at the Thames, and the results thereof, are most applicable to the circumstances of this district:—

### AS TO TREATMENT OF TAILINGS.

Mr Skey narrates the precautions he used in sampling the tailings, which, with two or three exceptions, was done under his immediate personal superintendence. "Only two or three samples were taken from the settling-pits, as tailings so deposited would be more than usually concentrated, and so vitiate the results of their analysis. The rest of the tailings were collected, either from the large heaps which had accumulated in the yards round various batteries, or else directly from the shoots discharging these, while the batteries were at work." The heaps were each sampled from twenty or thirty different places, on all exposed sides five or six inches below the surface. "All samples were well mixed, and dried before examination. The results given, therefore, refer to the respective samples when air-dried." Of the two plans of sampling, Mr Skey prefers that from the shoot, although more tedious, as the analyst "can allow with more certainty for the proportion of fine substances carried away by the water." Having stated these preliminaries, Mr Skey proceeds to detail the mode of determining the yield of gold afforded by re-amalgamation of tailings. He used a hand Berdan, similar in shape to the ordinary ones, and fixed at about the usual inclination. No chemical agent was used in amalgamation by the Berdan. The whole of the quicksilver was retorted off from the several amalgams obtained, and no leather was used, as the use of leather "must have seriously effected the correctness of the returns."

The results of careful and honest manipulation of "tailings" will be seen from a perusal of the following returns, which appear in the report above referred to:—

Results of the Analysis of certain of the Gold Alloys referred to in the List, showing the proportion of Gold to Silver and other Metals.

Per-centage of Gold.	Per-centage of Silver, &c.
43.2	53.4
45.4	53.7
48.1	56.4
49.6	57.1
49.7	57.3
50.2	60.6
56.8	46.0
54.6	46.3
51.9	43.6
50.4	42.0
50.3	42.7
49.8	39.4

Mr Skey continues:—

Restricted as I necessarily was, in the quantity of alloy for analysis, I was unable to determine the per-centage of any other metal possibly present along with the gold and silver, but with reference to the quantity of these, I believe it to be uniformly small. As a general rule, the em-

ployment of cyanide of potassium in the amalgamation, raised the proportion of silver to that of gold in the resulting amalgam.

The above are all payable results. The tailings from the batteries on the Carrick Range should yield a far higher per-centage of profits, because the gold is of a much finer quality than that procured at the Thames reefs. We believe that a judicious control over the crushing machines, and due superintendence over the Berdan, (for the saving of the fine gold),—will result in much pecuniary success and remunerative compensation to all who are concerned in the present monetary expenditure. Let the Carrick take example by the Thames.

We understand that Mr Warden Pyke is to be transferred to Tuapeka, and that the change will take place some time in February next. We have not heard which of the other Wardens is likely to be placed in charge of the Dunstan district. Such changes, so far as the public are concerned, are unnecessary and undesirable; and they involve the unfortunate Wardens in much needless expense and inconvenience.

An excellent programme of athletic sports was presented at Stuart's Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn, on Boxing Day. Mr Stuart himself contributed £10 towards the prize fund, which was considerably augmented by the entry-money for the various sports. Upwards of a hundred persons were present, and the day's amusements passed off most successfully.

The Rev. J. Jones, Curate of the Dunstan District, performed Divine Service in the School-house, Cromwell, on Sunday last—forenoon and evening; besides holding a baptismal service in the afternoon. The rev. preacher was listened to with much apparent interest by attentive congregations, the attendance in the evening being more numerous than at the morning service. We understand that Mr Jones has expressed his intention of holding service here on week-nights as often as he can make it convenient to do so. The day's collection amounted to upwards of £4.

The monthly Escort left Cromwell on Saturday afternoon. The quantity of gold sent by the Bank here was 2572 ounces.

Mr John Grindley, of Quartzville, met with a serious accident at that place yesterday. He was engaged in a jumping-match, when by some means he fell; and on rising it was found he had sustained a fracture of the left fore-arm, besides having the left wrist dislocated. Under the care of Dr Corse, who was called to his assistance with all possible speed, the sufferer is now progressing favourably towards recovery.

The bodies of the seven young men drowned in Dunedin Harbour on Christmas Day have all been recovered. The funeral took place on Friday, and was very numerously attended. The accident arose through the jibing of the foresail which caused the boat to go down without capsizing. None of the young men drowned had sufficient knowledge of boating to manage a sailing-craft even in a moderate breeze.

An invitation ball was given by Mr and Mrs Smitham at the Kawarau Hotel last night. There was a numerous and respectable attendance of citizens of both sexes, and the affair passed off most agreeably. Mr Smith was pianist.

"The Sale of Poisons Act," passed last session, came into operation yesterday, 1st January. It will be well, not only for chemists and druggists, but also for those storekeepers who sell laudanum and many compounds for the destruction of vermin containing poisons mentioned in the Act, to remember that under the provisions of this Statute they are bound to register themselves. Mr A. C. Strode, R.M., has been appointed Registrar for the Province of Otago.

A stable belonging to Messrs Cargill and Anderson, Teviot Station, took fire last week, and was totally destroyed. One horse was burnt to death.

The gale experienced in this neighbourhood on Saturday week seems to have prevailed all over the Province, and at Lawrence and Queenstown a considerable amount of property was destroyed. The coach running from Tuapeka to Tokomairiro only reached Havelock, a distance of six miles, the horses being unable to mount the Round Hill, and the passengers had to be conveyed back to Lawrence. Several small houses, numerous chimneys, and a quantity of costly fluming were blown down, and many buildings were unroofed. At Queenstown, several shop-fronts were destroyed, and Mr Malaghan was a sufferer by the gale to the extent of £200.

The new scale of fees chargeable under the amended "Land Transfer Act" came into operation yesterday, 1st January. Hitherto, many persons have refrained from bringing their land under the Act, on the ground that they are not about to sell or mortgage, and they therefore do not see the use of bringing their land under the Act till they are about to deal with it. The new regulation allows persons to bring their land under the Act, and permits the payment of the fees to stand over till such time as the owner wishes to lease or sell.

On the night of the Bannockburn Concert, (Friday, the 22nd ult.), the house occupied by Mr Joel Boulton at Doctor's Flat was unroofed by the force of the wind. Mr and Mrs Boulton were absent at the time, attending the concert; and their four children, who were all in bed, had a miraculous escape from being killed by the falling of the sods which composed the walls of the building. The iron roofing was found scattered about for a distance of half-a-mile from the dwelling, and the greater portion was so much bent and twisted as to be of no further use. Two miners living close by generously placed their dwelling at the disposal of the houseless family until the roof could be replaced.

The carcass of a large-framed bullock came floating down the Kawarau on Friday morning, and was washed on to the beach at the rear of the Bridge Hotel. The animal had probably slipped from some precipitous portion of the river bank, and being unable to regain the shore, was drowned. Numbers of sheep and cattle perish in the Kawarau in this way.

Dr Black, the Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy appointed for the Otago University, arrived at Port Chalmers by the ship Christian M'Ausland on the 28th ult.

Backbiter was the winner of the Ladies' Purse and St. Bathans Cup at St. Bathans on the 26th and 27th ult.

The *Daily Times* of the 29th December says:—"We have authority for stating that Mr C. E. Haughton, M.H.R., has been appointed Under-Secretary of the Public Works and Gold-fields Department. As the acceptance of this office by Mr Haughton will render his seat in the House of Representatives vacant, a writ will be shortly issued for the return of a member for the Lakes district."

By the amended Juries Act, which is now in force, the verdict of five-sixths of a jury can be taken in civil cases, provided that no verdict not arrived at unanimously shall be taken till the jury have retired for a period of six hours, and have intimated to the presiding judge that there is no probability of their agreeing.

Kereopa, the Maori murderer of the late Mr Volkner, the missionary, has been sentenced to death.

The following account of Mr W. J. T. Clarke, who lately purchased 45,900 acres of land at Moa Flat, is by the Wellington correspondent of the *Napier Telegraph*:—"The career of Mr Clarke is a most marvellous one. Originally in business in Tasmania as a butcher and that not in a very large way, he is now probably the largest landholder under the British Crown. It is within my knowledge that the queer accident turned the current of his fortunes. In 1836, he left Tasmania for New South Wales, and took up a station on the Liverpool Plains, and at that time, of course, such could be had at a moderate expense. He became the neighbour of Mr Jones, a well-known leading merchant and man of influence in Sydney, but now long since dead. Disputes arose between Mr Clarke and Mr Jones' superintendent; and the former, believing the influence of the latter to be too overpowering to leave him any prospect of justice, sold his property at the very nick of time, when the plains were looking their very best, after a wet season. Their verdure and carrying capacity at such times are most extraordinary. The happy moment thus seized by Mr Clarke to clear out was immediately followed by the droughts of 1836 and '39; and those who are colonists of that standing must remember the losses of those seasons, and the ruin entailed by them. With happier fortune, Mr Clarke invested his augmented means in the vicinity of what is now called Kailor, in Victoria, and there laid the foundation of those enormous territorial possessions that are a wonder even in the Colonies."

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

PER GREVILLE'S TELEGRAM COMPANY, REUTER'S AGENTS.

### DUNEDIN,

Tuesday, 10.40 a.m.

Kereopa will be executed on Friday. He confesses his complicity in the murder of Mr Volkner. The natives generally admit the justness of the sentence.

The Caledonian Gathering yesterday was a great success, there being a greater number of people at it than at any preceding one.

The Criminal Session of the Supreme Court is just opened. The Judge's charge referred to the increase of crime.

Mr Reeves, member for Selwyn, in replying to the toast of "The Assembly," at Ellesmere, said that the General Government intended introducing 8000 immigrants during 1872, and that this number, supplemented by those which will be introduced by Mr Brogden and Colonel Fielding, will increase the number to 10,000. The Government are anxious to promote agriculture, and have had under consideration the advisability of appointing a Board of Agriculture.

Captain Hutton is deputed by the General Government to report on the coal mines of Otago.

## CROMWELL RACE MEETING, 1871.

Notwithstanding the fact that the aggregate of prize-money offered this year by the Cromwell Jockey Club was £155 less than the amount given away at the preceding Summer Meeting, the success attendant upon the races just concluded has left no cause for regret that the Club did not fix upon a larger sum. The number of nominations for the handicaps was largely in excess of those received at any previous meeting; and the entries for all the other events,—with the exception of the Town Plate, which is usually the next thing to a walk-over—were quite as numerous and well-bred as on any former occasion. The weather on both days was all that could be desired, if we except one or two of those slight puffs of wind without which a day at Cromwell would be dull and insipid. No inconvenience was felt from the prevalence of dust as at the Dunstan Course; and the temperature was cool and pleasant throughout the meeting. Between four and five hundred persons were present on the Course each day, among whom was a large proportion of ladies.

Mr John Perriam deserves a word of commendation for the unprecedented excellence of his arrangements in connection with the Grand Stand. The stand itself was full on both days, the reduced price of admission—half-a-crown—having contributed no doubt to such a satisfactory result. A corresponding reduction in "nobblers" would have been a step in the right direction; and we commend this hint to the notice of speculative hotelkeepers who may hereafter purchase the privilege of dispensing fermented and spirituous liquors on the Cromwell Race-course. The refreshment-room was substantially constructed of new corrugated iron, and the Stewards' and jockeys' rooms were of the same material, affording a marked and pleasing contrast to the comfortable calico sheds provided by former lessees.

The stewards were painstaking and punctual in the performance of their onerous duties, and are justly entitled to the thanks of the public for the excellence of all their arrangements. Mr Harding, we regret to say, was unable, through illness, to appear in his accustomed place—the judge's chair—on Saturday, and Mr Kidd was called upon to officiate in his stead.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29.

MAIDEN PLATE of 30 sovereigns, for all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over 25 sovs. Weight for age. Distance, a mile and a half.

Mr E. Pritchard's b g Patch, 4 yrs, (by St Aubyn), 9st 1lb	(H. Goodwin)	1
Mr J. Hazlett's b g Maniototo, 3 yrs, 7st 1lb	(C. Holt)	2
Mr W. Smitham's br f Miss Elswick, 3 yrs, 7st 1lb	(J. Swan)	3
Mr D. O'Brien's c g Kildare, 6 yrs, 10st 1lb	(Owner)	0
Mr J. A. Douglas's b f Rosina, 3 yrs, 7st 1lb	(C. Storey)	0
Mr L. Grant's br g Morven, 5 yrs, 9st 9lb	(F. Gay)	0

(Rosina was declared to carry 11lbs overweight.) A very bad start was made, Patch being at least fifteen yards in advance of the others when the flag dropped. The field, with Patch in the van, kept together as far as the half mile post, where they fell into Indian file, and the race was afterwards a straggling one to the finish. The giant hurdleracer was never approached except by Maniototo, who was at one time within three or four lengths of him, but Goodman touched him up, and he came in twenty yards in advance of the second horse. Miss Elswick was a creditable third.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 40 sovereigns. Distance, two miles and a half; over eight flights of hurdles.

Mr L. Grant's c g Pretender, 6 yrs, 8st 8lb	(W. Gray)	1
Mr S. Patterson's b m Maid of the Mill, 6 yrs, 8st 2lb	(H. Williams)	2

Of the eight entries, only the two above named came to the scratch. On Mr Dawkins giving the signal, Pretender at once went to the front, and ed by a couple of lengths to the first fence, where he avoided the jump by swerving to the right, but was quickly brought up with a round turn and again put at the timber, which he went over this time without any trouble. Meantime the little mare had cleared the first hurdle, and was speeding on her way to the next, but on approaching it she followed Pretender's example and went round it. Williams lost no time in moving for a new trial, and was ready to join Pretender when he came up. Gray led with the chestnut over the hurdle, and the Maid followed. Pretender maintained a leading position until after passing the fourth hurdle, when the Maid came up with him,—both having cleared the two fences in the straight run without difficulty, although the chestnut levelled one of the panels with his hind feet in going over. The next jump was neatly taken by both, and the next again they negotiated simultaneously. On nearing the

hurdle which the mare objected to in the first round, Gray cunningly slackened speed on the chance of the Maid again refusing the jump, and the result was as he had calculated—she declined to face the gate, and had to be taken back and put at it again, the second attempt being successful. The time thus lost by the mare was improved by Pretender, who took the remaining leap in good style, and came in an easy winner. The Maid also took the last hurdle gracefully, and reached the judge's box in astonishingly quick time considering the ground she had lost by her misbehaviour. The race was a most exciting one throughout, from the fact that the horses repeatedly changed places, and each at different times appeared certain to win.

TOWN PLATE of £50. Weight for age. Distance, two miles and a half.

Mr M. Studholme's c h Knottingley, aged, (by Scud—fermagant), 19st 4lb	(R. Reay)	1
Mr M. Studholme's c f Flying Fish, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb	(J. Hughes)	0

This race was a gift to Knottingley, he and Flying Fish being the only entries. The filly merely made a nominal start, and was immediately afterwards walked back to the paddock, leaving the grand old horse to do his gallop alone. Very general regret was expressed that no rival was forthcoming to enable the Cromwell public to witness a trial of speed, on even terms, with the best horse in the Colony. Knottingley's style of going was greatly admired, and we heard him repeatedly spoken of as "a perfect model" of a race-horse.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP of £60. Distance, a mile and a half.

Mr E. Ryan's b m Brunette, 5 yrs, (by Scud—Callista), 6st 12lb (C. Holt)	1	
Mr S. Patterson's br g Burgundy, aged, 8st 5lb	(Williams)	2
Mr W. Walters' b m Slander, aged, 9st 12lb	(French)	3
Mr T. Logan's b g Reefur, aged, 7st (J. Swan)	0	
Mr C. Colclough's b g Fenian, aged, 6st 12lb	(R. Moore)	0

Flying Fish and Miss Elswick were scratched; so the principal event of the day (for which twenty-one nominations were sent in) was confined to the five above mentioned. Brunette was the favourite, from the fact of her being so favourably weighted. At the fall of the starter's flag the Dunstan crack at once went to the front, and kept the lead till about six furlongs from the convincing-ground, when Burgundy gained a momentary advantage; but the mare, having the inside running, quickly regained her place, and won cleverly by half a length. Burgundy, had he carried 4lbs less, would certainly have beaten Brunette, for after going half-way round the course he was but a length behind her; and he afterwards made the pace very warm in coming up the straight. Great excitement prevailed at the Stand during the race, and Brunette was loudly cheered at its conclusion.

HACK SELLING RACE of 15 sovs. Winner to be sold for £15; surplus to go to the Race Fund. Distance, three-quarters of a mile; heats. No weight less than 10st.

Mr J. M. Solvin's g g Tommy (D. O'Brien) 1.0.1	
Mr J. Kerr's c g Charlie (W. Gray) 0.1.2	
Mr M. Morran's Wild Rose (A. Britton) 0.0.0	
Mr Griffith's Bobby Burns (G. Partridge) 0.0.0	

In the first heat Bobby made the running, closely followed by the Nevis grey, who eventually collared him in the last turn; and after a lively struggle between the ropes, the stranger was landed a winner—Bobby's rider pulling up within a few yards of the goal on account of the poet's namesake having accidentally got inside the course in the run home. In the second heat Wild Rose led the van for half a mile, hotly pursued by Charlie, who succeeded in passing her, and won by four lengths.

The third heat was won by Tommy, after a well contested race with the Bendigo chestnut.

This concluded the proceedings of the first day, and a start was made in sufficient time to reach town before dusk.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30.

MINERS' PURSE of 10 sovs. Distance, three-quarters of a mile; heats. No weight less than 10st.

Mr D. O'Brien's c g Kildare, by Malton	(Owner)	1
Mr M. Morran's b g Brien O'Lynn	(W. Gray)	2
Mr J. Werner's b g Sly (G. Partridge)	0	

Kate, Hotspur, Wanderer, Venus, and Star of the North also ran. Kildare won both heats, the first with Brian a length behind, and the second in a canter.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 80 sovs., with a sweepstake of £3 3s added. Distance, two miles and a half.

Mr E. Pritchard's c h Foretop, 6 yrs, (by Leopard—Wetair), 6st 8lb	(R. Moore)	1
Mr E. Pritchard's b g Patch, 4 yrs, 7st	(Pearson)	2
Mr T. Logan's c g Excelsior, aged, 6st 12lb	(J. Swan)	3
Mr W. Walters' b m Yatterina, aged, 8st	(Tanner)	0
Mr M. Studholme's c h Knottingley, aged, 10st 5lb	(R. Reay)	0
Mr J. A. Douglas's c g Exile, 5 yrs, 8st 3lb	(C. Storey)	0

Mr S. Patterson's b g Burgundy, aged, 8st 3lb	(Williams)	0
Mr E. Ryan's b m Brunette, 5 yrs, 7st 10lb	(C. Holt)	0

Knottingley, on the signal being given, led the field for a short distance, but Reay deemed it prudent to reserve his best pace for the last mile, and accordingly held him in check. Foretop and Yatterina then went to the front, and in passing the chair for the first time the former was leading by half a head, Patch occupying third place. Foretop then parted company with Yatterina, and in the last mile and a half increased his lead at every stride, reaching the winning post fifty yards ahead of the second horse, Patch, who had passed Yatterina in the straight run. Excelsior's staying powers were conspicuously brought into play in the last half-mile; he had been at the tail of the ruck for some considerable distance, but as the others began to show symptoms of fatigue, he seemed to acquire increased speed, was fourth at the turn, and managed to beat Yatterina by a neck for third place. The time as taken by Mr Cowan was 4.49, but Mr Wrightson made it 5 minutes.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £30. Distance, a mile and a half; over five flights of hurdles.

Mr S. Patterson's b m Maid of the Mill, aged, (by Somerset), 9st 9lb	(Williams)	1
Mr D. O'Brien's c g Sir Tatton, aged, 10st 6lb	(Owner)	2
Mr L. Grant's c g Pretender, 6 yrs, 9st 12lb	(R. Swan)	3

(Patch was withdrawn from this race.) Sir Tatton, as usual, bounded off with the lead, followed by Pretender and the Maid in Indian file, close order. The trio cleared three fences in excellent style, but at the fourth Sir Tatton and Pretender both shied off, and allowed the mare to pass them. The last jump, however, didn't seem to suit the Maid, and she required some coaxing to take the leap on a second essay. The two geldings had in the meantime been got over the fourth fence and were coming up to the final jump when the Maid refused it. Pretender was first over, but unfortunately one of Swan's stirrup-leathers had broken, and in landing he was unseated, but adroitly landed on his feet from the horse's neck, pulled him up, and again mounted; but not in time,—for the Maid had been put over and was by this time within a few yards of the box, beating Sir Tatton by half-a-dozen lengths. Had it not been for this accident, Pretender would have carried off first honours in the race.

FREE HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, one mile.

Mr Studholme's c f Flying Fish, 3 yrs, (by Matron) 7st	(Hughes)	1
Mr Walters' b m Slander, aged, 9st 9lb	(French)	2
Mr D. O'Brien's c g Sir Tatton, aged, 7st 12lb	(Owner)	3
Mr Douglas's c g Malabar, 5 yrs, 7st 8lb	(Storey)	0
Mr Colclough's b g Fenian, aged, 6st 5lb	(Holt)	0
Mr Smitham's b g Master King, 4 yrs, 5st 6lb	(Moore)	0

(Excelsior and Brunette were scratched.) Flying Fish obtained a lead of three lengths after the start, Slander and Sir Tatton lying next. So far as could be seen for the dust, the positions of the horses were very little changed during the race, except that the filly increased the distance between herself and Slander as they neared the winning-post.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP RACE of £20. Distance, one mile.

Mr Walters' b m Slander, 8st 10lb	1
Mr Patterson's b g Burgundy, 8st	2
Mr Douglas's c g Malabar, 6st 7lb	3

(Fenian was entered, but was afterwards scratched.) Slander was the favourite, and won the race without much exertion.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Through the liberality of Mr Perriam and other public-spirited gentlemen, a programme of horse and foot races was arranged for New Year's Day; and by three o'clock in the afternoon, there were 150 people on the Race-course. The Hospital Race (for which £12 5s 6d was subscribed on the Course on Saturday) brought six horses to the post, and was won by Mr Smitham's b g Master King; Mr Goodger's br m Maggie being a good second. For the Trotting Race, of two miles (prize £5), six started. Mr T. Wood's gm Bella (150 yds' start) was the winner by fifty yards; Mr Jolly's c m Lucy was second, having started from scratch, and gained 100 yards in the distance gone over. The Hack Race of £5 was won by Mr Wilson's c g Native, beating six others; Garnet second, and Sly third. A foot-race of 150 yards brought forth four competitors,—Joseph and James Laverty, Tom Lefevre, and Harry Goodman. The latter, with three yards' start of the Lavertys, won by a couple of yards. The barbarous sport of pigeon-shooting was afterwards indulged in by a few of the visitors.

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## DUNSTAN JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

The annual race-meeting under the auspices of the above Club took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 27th December. Although a month earlier in the season than usual, this circumstance must be regarded as rather favourable than otherwise to the general success of the meeting: partly owing to the fact that all the principal up-country racing fixtures come off either in the latter end of December or the early part of January; but mainly because during the Christmas week there is an almost entire cessation of mining operations throughout the gold-fields, and that period is therefore the most auspicious for securing large gatherings of people in those parts of the district where public amusements do most abound. The weather at the Dunstan on Tuesday was a trifle gusty, but not disagreeably so; yet, strange to say, the number of spectators on the Course on that day did not exceed the average attendance at the Dunstan or Cromwell Spring Meetings. On Wednesday, the number was if anything less, although it must be said that the exceedingly unpleasant state of the weather on that day was sufficient to damp the ardour of the most enthusiastic sportsman.

We subjoin the results of the racing. For those of the first day we are indebted to our Clyde contemporary:—

MAIDEN PLATE of £50. Distance, 1½ mile. Weight for age.

Flying Fish, 3 yrs, 7st 4lb	(J. Hughes)	1
Patch, 4 yrs, 9st 11lb	(H. Goodman)	2
Rosina, 3 yrs, 7st 11lb	(Storey)	3
Feinra, aged, 10st 11lb	(R. Swan)	0

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £30. Distance, 1½ mile, over four flights of hurdles: heats.

Pretender, 9st 2lb	(W. Gray)	1
Musician, 9st 4lb	(S. Waddell)	2
Sir Tatton, 11st	(D. O'Brien)	3

GRAND STAND HANDICAP of £75. Distance, 1½ mile.

Brunette, 6st 12lb	(C. Holt)	1
Miss Ennis, 7st 2lb	(Cotton)	2
Slauder, 9st 10lb	(French)	3

Malabar and Knottingley also ran; the latter carrying 11st.

HACK SELLING RACE of £15. One mile. No weight under 10st.

Mr M'Morran's Brian O'Lynn	(W. Gray)	1
Mr Coombes' Specimen	(J. Cotton)	2
Mr Beresford's Bessy		3

MEMBER'S HANDICAP of £40. One mile.

Mr Walters' Yatterina, 9st 8lb	(French)	1
Mr Colclough's Feinra, 7st 2lb		2
Mr Pritchard's Foretop, 7st 12lb		3
Mr Douglas's Minx, 6st 4lb		0

Of the twenty-three nominated for this race only four came to the post. Yatterina had the benefit of about twenty yards at the start, and came in a winner by about the same distance.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £30. Mile and a half, over five hurdles.

Mr Pritchard's b g Patch, 4 yrs, 8st 8lb	(W. Gray)	1
Mr O'Brien's c g Sir Tatton, aged, 10st 7lb	(Owner)	2

The race lay between Patch and Sir Tatton, Pretender and Musician having been scratched. After a fair start, the horses cleared the first jump simultaneously, and the big bay then drew three or four lengths ahead, maintaining his position for three quarters of a mile, when Dan O'Brien put on speed and came up with him. The race from this time was splendidly contested, neither horse making any demerit at the timber. Coming up the rise towards the Stand, the representatives of Nelson and Canterbury ran neck and neck, and the bay won a hot race by less than a head.

ALEXANDRA PLATE of £50. Distance, a mile.

Weight for age.

Mr Walters' b m Skanler, aged, 10st 11lb	(French)	1
Mr Studholme's c f Flying Fish, 3 yrs, 7st 4lb	(Hughes)	2
Mr Douglas's br m Minx, 3 yrs, 7st 4lb	(Holt)	3

Flying Fish was the favourite, and was freely backed at even against the field. Mr Fraser had some little difficulty in effecting a start, owing to the fractiousness of the chestnut filly, whose rider was several times nearly over her head. Flying Fish was in front for the first half-mile, when the Arab and mare shot alongside and passed her, winning easily by four or five lengths; Minx an indifferent third.

DUNSTAN JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, of £100.

Two miles.

Mr Ryan's b m Brunette, 5 yrs, (by Scud—Callista), 7st	(Holt)	1
Mr Douglas's c g Exile, 5 yrs, 8st 9lb	(Storey)	2
Mr Coombes' b g Catapult, 6 yrs, 7st 7lb	(T. Cotton)	3
Mr T. Logan's c g Excelsior, aged, 7st 7lb	(J. Cotton)	4
Mr Walters' b m Yatterina, aged, 9st		5

Miss Ennis, Patch, Malabar, and Knottingley were scratched, and the four others entered failed to accept. Brunette appeared to be the favourite. Catapult led for half a mile, and was joined by Exile on passing the Stand. The two ran together for the next three-quarters of a mile, when Brunette was called on by young Holt, and passed the geldings with very little effort, keeping her

place in front to the finish, and winning by twenty lengths; Exile second, Catapult third, Excelsior fourth. Yatterina was pulled up during the race. Time, 3 min. 54 secs.

HACK RACE, of £15. No weight under 10st.

Distance, three-quarters of a mile: heats.	
Mr R. M'Morran's c g Roderick (W. Gray)	1.0.1
Mr Newton's b g Tonic (D. O'Brien)	2.2.
Mr Kerr's c g Charlie (Lang)	0.1.2
Mr T. Logan's b g Fire-eater (Swan)	3.0.0
Mr Cotton's b m Dewdrop (Scott)	0.0.0
Mr Coombes' c g Specimen (Kelso)	0.0.0

Roderick won the first heat by a length; and getting behind in the second, he reserved his forces for the final struggle, in which he came off an easy victor by four or five lengths.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP of £21. Distance, three quarters of a mile.

Mr Coombes' b g Catapult, 7st 13lb	(Cotton)	1
Mr Pritchard's c h Foretop, 8st	(Pearson)	2
Mr Douglas's b f Rosina, 6st	(Hughes)	3

A very well contested race, Catapult beating Foretop by less than half a length, and Rosina being a good third.

A sum of £17 was collected by Mr Vincent Pyke for a

HOSPITAL RACE; distance, one mile; catch weights.

Mr M'Morran's c g Roderick	(C. Holt)	1
Mr James Taylor's g m Venus		2

Two others ran. Roderick was landed an easy winner.

## VARIETIES.

A Californian cattle raiser has been trying the experiment of training prairie wolves as sheep-dogs, but finds the sheep get killed before the education of the wolves is complete.

Walter Scott, a cousin of Sir Walter, and bearing a striking resemblance to the author of Waverley, is now residing at Fall River, Massachusetts.

Philosophers say that shutting the eyes makes the sense of hearing more acute. A wag suggests that this accounts for the many that are seen closed at church every Sunday.

A very precocious child has appeared, it is said, at Jamestown, Penn. Though barely three years old, he is four feet high, has a head, arms, and legs as large as an ordinary sized man's, strong voice, and remarkable mental powers. His delighted father, one George S. Ringston, thinks of exhibiting his phenomenal son.

It chanced, one gloomy day in the month of December, that a good-humoured Irishman applied to a merchant to discount a bill of exchange for rather a long but not an unusual date; and the merchant having casually remarked that the bill had a great many days to run. "That's true," replied the Irishman; but consider how short the days are at this time of the year."

A Fireproof Man.—At Maryland, a negro has been found who can endure the experiments hereunder:—A red-hot shovel he placed to the soles of his feet; he held the same hot shovel to his tongue; he swallowed a large handful of red-hot shot; he swallowed liquid lead, and vomited it up in a solid state; he handled red-hot coals; and after drinking and eating and handling fire, both in a liquid and solid state, his mouth, gums, tongue, lips, and feet and hands were perfectly free from scalds or burns of any kind. This freedom from the effects of heat he has enjoyed from boyhood, and he prefers what would be scalding liquids to anyone else to cold water.

Hindostanee English.—An officer of the Bengal civil service sends to a paper the following specimens of English as written by native officials:—"An ex-schoolmaster, petitioning for a clerkship, promises that 'I and my family will ever cease to pray to the humble Almighty to shower his blessings on you and yours for ever.' Another, begging for an increase of salary on account of the rise in prices, says, 'My pain and sufferings are impeachable, and lie only in the comprehension of gentlemen of your honourable disposition, ready to open your bowels of compassion, to sympathise with the afflicted, and, by extending your gracious hand, to shoulder them from the civil darts of this dear city.' A third makes the following excuse for absence:—"Please excuse attending office to-day, as my grandmother despatched her life, and want to go to firing-place, to see body fired, and ashes put in hole." A clerk, complaining of 'fever and grapes,' requests 'most very humbly a day's leave,' as he is 'unfortunately ill by the blessing of God.'

Why He Was Glad.—He stood on his head on the wild seashore, and joy was the cause of the act; for he felt as he'd never felt before,—in saucy glad, in fact. And why? In that vessel that left the bay, his mother-in-law had sailed to a tropical country far away, where tigers and snakes prevailed; and more than one of his creditors, too,—those objects of constant dread,—had taken berth in the ship Curlew, whose sails were so blithely spread. Oh! now he might look for a quiet life, which he never had known as yet: (tis true that he still possessed a wife, and was not quite out of debt). But he watched the vessel, this singular chap, o'er the waves, as she upped and downed, and he felt exactly as if "the edifice was crowned." Till over the blue horizon's edge she disappeared from view; then up he leaped on a chalky ledge, and danced like a kangaroo! And many a joyous lay he pealed o'er the sunset sea, till down with a "fizz" sank the orb of day, and then he went home to tea.

## RACES AND SPORTS AT THE LOWBURN.

On Boxing Day, according to annual custom, an excellent programme of amusements was provided by Mr John Perriam, of the Welcome Home Hotel, to whose enterprise and liberality the lovers of sport are largely indebted; for, except at Stuart's Ferry, (so far as we are aware,) no public amusement of any kind was got up on Boxing Day in any other part of the Cromwell district. The distance to the Dunstan Course necessarily precluded many persons from attending the race-meeting there; and as Britons must have amusement of some kind during the Christmas holidays, the attractions presented at the Lowburn served to fill the breach admirably. Between 200 and 250 people were present during the day, the weather, fortunately, being all that could be desired. A most *recherche* repast was provided for all comers, free of charge, by Host Perriam; and the entire arrangements were carried out in a most efficient manner.

The first and principal event of the day was the

LOWBURN CUP of five sovereigns; distance, one mile. Four entries.

Mr Werner's b g Sly	...	1
Knudsen's Black Prince	...	2
Jones's Flying Dutchman	...	3
Partridge's Kettle-drum	...	0

Sly won easily, having taken the lead at the start and maintained it throughout.

The next "sensation" was the

HANDICAP FOOT RACE of 150 yards. Three competitors.

Mackay (10 yards start)	...	1
Carson (scratch)	...	2
M'Kinlay (2 yards start)	...	3

This was a very well contested race, Mackay winning only by a yard.

Then came the

DIGGER'S PURSE of five sovereigns. Half-mile heats.

First heat:—Sly, 1; Black Prince, 2; Lady Scott, 3.

In the second heat, only Sly and Black Prince started, and the former again won, beating his rival by a length.

There were three entries for the next event, the

TROTTER RACE, a sweepstake of 10s each; distance, two miles.

Mr Fleming's Polly	...	1
Ross's Blackbird	...	2
Sloane's Flying Buck	...	3

The bay mare in this instance proved "the better horse," and won as easily as she did the trotting race on the same course two years ago.

Various athletic sports were afterwards engaged in, including quoit matches, putting the stone, and kindred feats of strength and skill. Carson proved himself the most proficient in "putting the stone"; but the name of the victor in the quoit match we could not ascertain. The sports concluded with a foot-race of 300 yards, which was won by M'Kinlay, with Carson second.

Mr David Taggart (whom we were glad to see partially recovered—although still suffering—from the effects of his late serious accident) performed the duties of judge; and Mr W. Edmondson was a very efficient secretary and starter.

## Sink or Swim.—A Timely Caution.

Mr R. H. Horne, "a swimmer of fifty years' practice," has published a letter in the *Times* which is particularly opportune at this dangerous season of the year. He says:—Almost every man, woman, and child who cannot swim, when they find themselves suddenly out of their depth, throw up both arms and cry aloud for help—the most rapid of all methods for sinking; in fact, the art of going down quickly is to throw up both arms. But if, instead of this, both arms are kept under water, while the hands "fight" the water, by beating it down beneath them, and the feet and legs do the same sort of thing, by continuing to kick the water down beneath them, the person who does this cannot sink. He or she cannot sink while they will do this; it is impossible. They will thus be able to keep upon the surface for that brief time for want of which so many are lost. Furthermore, if the persons thus beating the water down beneath them will only extend the arms a little, so that the palms of the hands may not only beat but pull the water towards them, they will then find themselves advance towards a bank, shore, boat, or other object, and will, in fact, find themselves swimming by what is called the dog-stroke. Beyond this, the only presence of mind required is not to beat, kick, strike, splash or pull too fast, as this is sure to cause loss of breath and exhaustion, and increase the confusion of mind.

Be it especially remembered that all splashing is to be avoided as much as possible,—partly because it dashes the water up to the nostrils and into the mouth, and also because it is sheer waste of power. All blows and struggles must be made under the water, and not at all upon the surface.

As it is quite in vain to warn a drowning person not to try and seize upon the man who swims to save him, and thus do his utmost to drown his preserver by clinging round him and trying to get upon his shoulders (if the latter is so foolish or over-excited as to allow this), I would recommend the drowning person to seize his preserver by the hair, who will at once, if a tolerable master of the art, swim away with him in quite a free and easy manner.

## MISCELLANEA.

A Tasmanian journal gives the following list of offices held by a fortunate individual named Henry Butler. Mr Butler is also a medical man in practice, but it is scarcely possible that he can find much time to attend to his patients:—Member for Brighton, Territorial Magistrate, Chairman of Court of General Sessions, Glenorchy; Minister of Lands and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Surveyor-General, Immigration Commissioner, Member of the Tasmanian Council of Education, Chairman of the Board of Education, Member of the Court of Medical Examiners, Commissioner of Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk; Salmon Commissioner, Trustee Acclimatisation Society, Manager Hobart Town Savings Bank.

TELEGRAPH EXTENSION.—Communication with the old countries of the world by electric telegraph (says the *Melbourne Age*) bids fair to be soon an accomplished fact. The Investigator has arrived at Batavia with the Anglo-Australian cable on board. By the commencement of November she would be busily engaged in laying down the line. From Batavia to Banjoewang, a distance of 480 miles, a land wire will run. At the latter point the real work of the Investigator Australiawards will begin. From Banjoewang to Port Darwin a land line of 1400 miles will reach Port Augusta, South Australia. Working backwards from Batavia, a cable of 565 miles will have to be laid to Singapore, one of 465 miles from Singapore to Penang, and one of 1400 miles from Penang to Madras—the total length of cable from Madras to Port Augusta being 3565 miles. At the moderate rate of 100 miles per day the whole length would be laid before the end of the year. As the South Australians are vigorously pushing on their part of the work it is exceedingly probable that by the 1st of January, 1872, or very shortly after, we may be able to exchange messages with London—providing that is, that no serious accident should occur to retard the operations as they are carried on.

FIREPROOF ROOFING.—Some interesting experiments have been carried out at the Patent Stone Works of Mr Frederick Ransome, at Greenwich, in order to ascertain the power of the roof covering lately introduced into England by Messrs Erichsen and Co., of Copenhagen, to resist the action of fire. Two timber sheds had been previously constructed, both precisely similar in size and in material employed. Each shed was 10ft. by 6ft. square, and 7ft. high. One of them was covered with slates resting on rafters, the other was covered with the so-called roofing pasteboard. Fuel, consisting of straw and wood, was placed in equal quantities in each hut, and ignited. In the slated roof the slates began to perish twelve minutes after the fuel was ignited, and in twenty-five minutes it was entirely destroyed. In the meantime, the roof of the other shed remained, to all outward appearance, quite perfect, nor was it destroyed when the fire had burned out, and the whole of the shed had fallen down. A part of the pasteboard covered roof was also covered with a coating of Ransome's silicious paint, and one of the most interesting results obtained was in reference to this material. Not only did it remain quite untouched by the action of the fire, but the boarding upon which it had been laid resisted the action of the flames to such a degree that for a quarter of an inch in thickness only was the wood entirely destroyed. Messrs Erichsen's covering has already earned a good reputation in Denmark, and will be doubtless appreciated here; but the experiment of the other day pointed out so clearly the advantages attending the use of silicious paint as a fire-resisting medium that the greatest publicity ought to be given to its efficiency. We (*Engineering*) have already pointed out the good service this material renders in water-proofing walls; and to a limited extent it has also been employed in covering the woodwork of buildings with the effect of making them almost fire-proof. Indeed, so thoroughly reliable is it that if a piece of timber coated with the substance is placed in a fire and allowed to remain exposed to intense heat, it will be found upon removing it that the paint remains as a shell, and intact, the charred wood contracting from it on all sides. With so inexpensive and effective a fire-proof medium available, there is every reason for its universal employment, which would be attended with so much increased security of life and property.

STEAM SUPERSEDED.—The *Washington Chronicle* says:—A new motor is attracting considerable attention among scientific men; and, if it deserves all that is claimed for it, it will unquestionably supersede steam to a great extent in all places where power is required, and especially in railway locomotion. It consists simply in producing a vacuum by the flame of crude petroleum. The statement is incredible, but it is confidently asserted that its cost will be next to nothing, and its use may even be made to produce a revenue, as in burning the petroleum only the lighter parts are consumed, the heavy or lubricating oil being left at the bottom, from whence it can be taken and sold for more than the cost of the crude oil. The machines constructed on this principle will, it is said, soon be brought before the public, when the great invention, or discovery, can be fully tested. Great advantages are claimed for it as a motor for street railroads, as it is entirely noiseless, without smoke or steam, and perfectly under control.

## Wire Tramways.

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In rugged and mountainous mining districts such as the Carrick Range, the rapid and economic conveyance of auriferous quartz from the mines to the crushing mills is a matter of great importance to the successful and profitable development of our mining resources. We therefore commend to those interested a careful perusal of the subjoined particulars relative to wire tramways, and the mode of constructing and working the same:—

Amongst the useful and interesting exhibits at the Mechanics' Fair, recently held at San Francisco, was Professor Hallidie's patent endless ropeway. It was shown in operation, the cars running up and down the building. Its object is to transport ore from mines to mills, or to some available point of transportation, and can be utilised where roads or tramways would be too expensive to build. It is used in connection with several mines in California, and modifications of it have been used in various parts of the world. "It is (says the *Weekly Alta*) of course infinitely cheaper to erect this ropeway than to build the most narrow of narrow-gauge railroads; and mine-owners and miners, when they inspect it, will at once perceive its merits, as the transportation question is often one of the most vital importance in mining questions. It may be thus briefly described:—At each extremity of the line are placed large grooved pulleys, called 'end pulleys'; along the line at intervals of from one to six hundred feet, upon the summits of the hills or mountain ranges, upon each bank of the rivers or the deep ravines, stand posts, just as posts are placed for supporting the telegraphic line; attached to these posts, and at right angles to the line, are transverse bars or arms, to the extremities of which small grooved pulleys are fixed, called 'bearing pulleys'. An endless wire rope passes along on each side from post to post, resting in the grooves of the bearing pulleys, and passing around the end pulleys. Along the rope, at suitable distances, are secured pendant, curved rods, clinging to or attached to or resting upon the rope, and curving or reaching up or out over the edges of the grooves of the pulleys, and swinging or passing clear of the flanges and axles and all other obstructions, and sustaining or carrying cars or buckets or sacks, loaded with passengers or ores or other freight, or terminating in hooks carrying bundles of lumber. The gravity of the load—a mountain-stream, a mule, or a steam-engine may furnish the propelling power, and cause to move the endless rope with its endless chain of cars, over mountain heights and deep ravines,—over rivers too wide and deep to bridge, and ravines or gorges too wide and deep to fill,—receiving and discharging, automatically or otherwise, a continuous stream of freight; possibly receiving the ore at the innermost and uttermost depth of the mine, and carrying it over intervening mountains and valleys, and discharging it, automatically, miles away, into the very hopper of the crushing machine at the mill. In connection with the same apparatus, a self-dumping bucket can be used, which, by striking a stop at a given point, releases the bottom and dumps out the ore. The rope travels at the rate of 200 feet per minute; the posts with the bearing pulleys are usually about 200 feet apart, the distance depending upon circumstances. At least 180 tons per day of ten hours can be delivered, but, practically, there is no limit, as the rope-way can be made of any required strength."

Mr Hodson, the inventor of the wire rope tramway in England, a short time since erected a line about five miles in length at Bristol, and some particulars have been furnished by a recent publication. There are, in the five miles, 112 posts, or standards, as they are called. These can be either made of iron or wood, as found most convenient. The endless rope is made of charcoal iron, is two inches in circumference, each strand, as well as the centre of the rope, having a hempen core to secure ductility. A portable 16-horse power engine is employed to drive the rope. Water or horse power may be used. At one end of the line the rope passes round a drum. The boxes in which the load is carried are hung on the rope at the loading end by a wooden A-shaped saddle, about fourteen inches long, lined with leather, and having four small wheels, with a curved pendant, which maintains the box in perfect equilibrium while travelling, and most ingeniously, but simply, enables it to pass the supporting posts and pulley. By a sliding arrangement, the boxes or buckets are easily emptied by tilting, without unshipping the saddle from the rope. The boxes can be made to carry from 1 cwt. to 10 cwt., and the proportions of the line and the loading and discharging arrangements can be varied to suit any particular requirement, ranging from 10 tons to 1000 tons per diem. At each end of the line are rails placed to catch the small wheels attached to the saddles of the boxes, by which means the weight, having acquired momentum, is lifted from the rope, and, thus suspended from a fixed rail or platform, can be run to any point for loading or emptying, and again run on to the rope, the succession being continuous, and the rope never requiring to be stopped for loading and unloading. Curves of sharp radius are easily passed, as well as steep inclines, and it is applicable for crossing rivers, streams, mountains, or hilly districts. The rope being continuous, no power is lost on undulating ground, as the descending loads help those ascending. In the case of lines for heavy traffic, where a series of loads, necessarily not less than 5 cwt. to 10 cwt. each, must be car-

ried, a pair of stationary supporting ropes, with an endless running rope for the motive power, will be employed; but the method of supporting and the peculiar advantage of crossing almost any nature of country with a goods line without much more engineering work or space than is necessary for fixing an electric telegraph,—without bridges, without embankments, and without misadventure,—exists equally in both branches of the system. In laying out the five miles at Brighton, the opportunity was taken of exemplifying the working of the system under every variety of difficulty that can possibly present itself. Thus there was at one part an incline of 1 in 6, up and down which it is said that the rope and boxes worked with perfect facility, the descending weights assisting those which were ascending; then there were, besides several bends less acute, two instances of absolutely right angles, which were passed with the greatest ease; in some instances the standards were carried to the height of 70 feet, to meet inequalities of the ground, undulating and hilly country being more trying to this system than craggy and mountainous. The line was found to be capable of delivering 240 tons per day of ten hours—that is 120 tons in each direction.

We are indebted to a contemporary for the following particulars relative to the prospectus of the Wire Tramway Company, in London, for the purpose of preparing surveys, and executing contracts for wire tramways in all parts of the world:—Lines can be constructed and worked on hilly ground, almost as cheaply as upon plains. Their first cost is in proportion to the work required of them. They occupy scarcely any land, only requiring a post every 200 or 300 feet. They are not affected as others are by floods or snow. They can be readily moved from place to place. They avoid the expense of cuttings and embankments. No bridges are required over rivers or ravines. They make most economical jetties for roadsteads, harbours, or rivers. They can be constructed at prices ranging from £250 to £800 a mile for the carriage of from 20,000 to 100,000 tons per annum. Their cost of working may be generally stated thus, under average conditions, for ten mile lengths, viz.:—100 tons a day, 1½d; 200 tons a day, 1½d; larger quantities, 1d per ton per mile.

## The Showman's Courtship.

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There was many affection ties which made me hanker arter Betsy Jane. Her father's farm joined our'n; their cows and our'n squandered their thirst at the same spring; our old mares both had stars in their foreheads; the meadows broke out in both families at nearly the same period; our partridges (Betsy's and mine) slept regularly every Sunday in the same meetin' house, and the nabers used to observe, "How thick the Wards and Peaseleys air!" It was a sublime site, in the spring of the year, to see our several mothers (Betsy's and mine) with their gowns pin'd up so they couldn't side 'em, affectionately Bilin sope together & aboozin the nabers.

Altho I hankered intensely arter the object of my affashuns, I darsn't tell her of the fires which was rajin in my manly Buzzum. I'd try to do it, but my tung would kerwollup up agin the roof of my mouth & stick thar, like death to a dearest Afrikan or a country postmaster to his offfiss, while my hart wanzed agin my ribs like an old fashioned wheat flae agin a barn door.

'Twas a calm still nite in Joon. All natr was lusht and nary zoffer disturbed the screen silens. I sot with Betsy Jane on the fense of her father's pastur. We'd been rompin throu the woods, kullin flours and diving the woodchuck from his Nativ Lar (so to speak) with long sticks. Wall we sot thar on the fense, a swingin our feet two and fro, blushin as red as the Baldinsville skool house when it was fust painted, and lookin very simple, I make no doubt. My left arm was ockepied in ballunsin myself on the fense, while my rite was woundid luvliny rounder waste.

I cleared my throat and tremblinly sed, "Betsy, you're a Gazelle."

I thought that air was putty fine. I waitid to see what effack it would have upon her. It evidently didn't fetch her, for she up and sed:

"You're a sheep!"

Sez I, "Betsy, I think very muchly of you."

"I don't believe a word you say—so thers now cum?" with which observation she hitched away from me.

"I wish tar was winders to my sole," sed I, "so that you could see some of my feelins. Thers a fire ouff in here," sed I, strikin my buzzum with my fist, "to bile all the corn beef and turpins in the naberhood. Versoovins and the critter ain't a circumstans!"

She bowd her hed down and commenct chavin the strings to her sun-bonnet.

"Ar could you know the sleepis nites I worry throu with on your account, how viltles has seized tobe attractiv to me & how my lims has shruk up, you wouldn't dowt me. Gaze on this wastin form and thers 'ere sunken cheeks—"

I should have continenct on in this strane probly for sum time, but unfortunately I lost my ballunse and fell over into the pastur ker smash, towin my close and severly damagin myself generally.

Betsy Jane sprung to my assistance in duble quick time, and dragged me 4th. Then drawin herself upto her ful hite shesed:

"I wont listen to your noncents no longer. Just say rite strate on what you're drivin at. If you mean gettin hitched, I'm in!"

I considered that air ouff for all practical purposes, and we proceoded immediately to the parson's & was made 1 that very nite.—*Artemus Ward.*

## Forest Fires in America.

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PESHTEGO, Oct. 20.

This letter, to give it a local habitation and a name, is dated where Peshtego was. Calcinced fragments are all that remain of imposing edifices and hundreds of peaceful homes. This ominous clearing is in the centre of a blackened, withered forest of oak, pine, and tamarack, with a swift river—the Peshtego—gliding silently through the centre from north-east to south-west. Situated seven miles from the Green Bay, on the Peshtego River, the town commanded all the lumber trade of the northern peninsula, and grew rapidly into importance as a frontier mart of Chicago. Little heed was at first given to the bush fires, for the first rain would inevitably quench the flames. But the rain never came, and finally a valiant battle was waged far and near against the slowly-increasing fires.

The sharp air of early October had sent the people in from the Sunday evening services more promptly than usual, although numbers delayed to speculate on a great noise which set in ominously from the west. The housewives looked tremblingly at the fires and lights within, and the men took a last look at the possibilities without; for many it was truly a last glimpse. The noise grew in volume, and came nearer and nearer, with terrific crackling and detonations. A deafening roar, mingled with blasts of electric flame, filled the air. There was no beginning to the work of ruin; the flaming whirlwind swirled in an instant through the town; all heard the first inexplicable roar; moved by a common instinct, for all knew the words that encircled the town were impenetrable, every habitation was deserted, and the cowering multitude flocked to the river. Three hundred people wedged themselves in between the rolling booms, swayed to and fro by the current, where they were roasted in the hot breath of flame that hovered above them, and singed the hair on each head momentarily exposed above the water. Here despairing men and women held their children till the cold water came as an ally to the flames, and deprived them of strength. Meantime the eastern bank was densely crowded by the dying and the dead. Rushing to the river from this direction, the swirling blast met the victims full in the face, and mowed a swath through the fleeing throng. Scores fell before the first blast. A few were able to crawl to the pebbly flats, but so dreadfully disfigured that death must have been preferable. All that could break through the stifling simoon had come to the river. In the red glare they could see the sloping bank covered with the bodies of those who fell by the way. Few living in the back streets succeeded in reaching the river. But now a new danger befel those who did reach it. The cattle, terrified by the flames and smoke, rushed in a great lowing drove to the river brink. Women and children were trampled under foot by the frightened brutes, and many, losing their hold on the friendly logs, were swept under the water. Although the onslaught of fire and wind had been instantaneous, and the destruction almost simultaneous, the fierce, stifling currents of heat were more fatal than the flames of the burning village. Ignorant of the extent of the fire, many of the company's workmen, some with wives and children, shut themselves up in the great brick building and perished in the raging heats of the succeeding half-hour. Others, in the remote streets, made for the clearing beyond the woods, but few ever passed the burning barrier. The flats were covered with prone figures, with their backs all ablaze and their faces pressed rigidly into the cool, moist earth. The flames played about and above all with an incessant deafening roar. When the hapless dwellers in the remote streets saw themselves cut off from the river, groups broke in all directions in a wild panic of fright and terror. A few took refuge in a cleared field, bordering on the town. Here, flat upon the ground, with faces pressed in the sand, the helpless sufferers lay and roasted. But few survived the dreadful agony. The next day revealed a picture exceeding in horror any battle-field. Mothers, with children huddled closely, lay in rigid groups, the clothes burned off, and the poor flesh seared to a crisp. One mother, solicited only for her babe, embraced her unutterable love in the terrible picture left on these woeful sands. With her bare fingers she had scraped out a pit, as the soldiers had done before Petersburg, and pressing the little one into this, she put her body above it as a shield, and when the daylight came, both were dead—the little baby face unscathed, but the mother burnt almost to cinders.

No vestige of human habitation remained, and the steaming, freezing, wretched group, crazed by the unutterable terror of despair, pleaded with each other to restore the lost ones. The hot blasts of the night had blinded them, and they could but vaguely recognise one another in the murky light of the new day.

On Sunday night something over 2000 people were assembled within the confines of this industrious, prosperous city: the dreadful morning light came upon a haggard, blanched multitude of less than 700. When the work of rescue began it was found that a great number had escaped by the help of the river and the northern road to the west, and as the day advanced, half-naked stragglers, unkempt and blackened, began to stream into the sparse settlement.

Fatuous tradesmen had thrown their valuables into wells for security: every well in the city was turned into a flaming pit, and the very waters were half evaporated by the heat. Survivors attest that women and children, cut off from the river, were put into the wells and covered with bed-lings. I have

looked into every well in the ash-covered clearing, and there is no possibility that a living thing could have endured the flames that boiled and seethed in them.

The next night the long-expected rain came, gratefully to the living, and kindly to the floating ashes of the dead. The great dread that hovered over the bay cities and towns was allayed, and the threatened danger nearly gone. By Tuesday the sweeping miles of fire had been quenched by Monday night's rain. A slight drizzle still further aided the work of rescue. The ravages of the one night's tornado left unmistakable traces on every hand. A clean swath of blackened stumps marked the course of the fiery tempest. The roads were encumbered with roasted cattle, and frequently with the carcasses of bears and deer, while the ditches and cleared fields were strewn with smaller game and wild birds. Save where the houses were built with cellars, which was very rare, there is no trace of a former habitation.

The material loss is estimated at three million dollars, the greater portion of which falls on William B. Ogden, who suffered simultaneously greater losses in Chicago. But undaunted by his accumulating misfortunes, that energetic man instantly sent an agent on to rebuild the mills and shops, and gather a few people in the place if possible.

There are 400 dead fully ascertained; there are beside half as many missing who cannot be accounted for, and probably never will be.

## THE AMENDED STAMP ACT.

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We are glad to learn that the Attorney-General has expressed a common-sense opinion upon the very absurd and unnecessarily punctilious rule laid down by the new Act regarding the signature and stamping of cheques. The practice (says the *Daily Southern Cross*) of making use of the signature to a cheque for the purpose of cancelling the stamp is open to the grave objection that the stamp is liable to fall off at some future time, and thus leave the cheque without signature, or with only a very imperfect one. The Commissioner of Stamps has decided that, "As to stamps on cheques and drafts, the additional stamp of one penny when adhesive, must be cancelled in the manner provided by section 5 of the Act of 1870," and the opinion of Mr Whitaker as to the mode of cancellation is as follows:—"After careful consideration I come to the conclusion that the effect of the Act of 1871 is simply to alter the stamp duty payable on cheques from one penny to two pence, and to leave the mode of cancellation as it stood prior to the passing of the Act." In accordance with this ruling the banks have agreed to accept cheques bearing on the corner next the block, stamps cancelled by the initials of the drawers and the date of the using, the signature to the cheque to occupy its usual place without reference to the position of the stamps.

The following clauses of the new Act are so important to everyone concerned in the sale or transfer of mining property that we reprint them in full:—

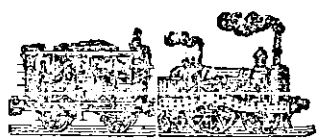
19. Upon the sale or transfer of any shares in the stock, funds or property of any corporation, company, or society in New Zealand (except where the same may be exempt from duty under the same Act or any Acts amending the same), or on the sale or transfer of any shares in any gold mining claim, or in any other property held by virtue of a miner's right or other business license under "The Gold-fields Act, 1836," or any Acts amending the same, the full purchase money or consideration which shall be directly or indirectly paid or given, or agreed to be paid or given, for the same, shall be truly expressed and set forth in or upon the principal or only instrument evidencing such sale or transfer. And if in any such case the full purchase money or consideration shall not be truly expressed and set forth in the manner hereby directed, the purchaser or purchasers thereof shall forfeit the sum of fifty pounds, and shall also be charged and chargeable with and be held liable to the payment of five times the amount of the excess of duty which would have been payable on such sale or transfer in respect of the full purchase money or consideration money, as aforesaid, in case the same had been truly expressed in or upon the same, as required by the Act or any acts amending the same, which quintuple shall be deemed and taken to be a debt to her Majesty the Queen, her heirs and successors, from the party or parties respectively hereby made liable to pay the same, and shall and may be sued for and recovered accordingly. If any party liable to the payment of any duty under this section shall give information to the Commissioners whereby such penalty or quintuple duty shall be recovered from any other party liable thereto, the party giving the information shall not only be indemnified and discharged of his liability, but shall be rewarded by the Commissioners out of the penalty or quintuple duty so recovered, to such extent as the Commissioners may think proper, but not exceeding one-half of what shall be so recovered; and where any other person shall give information whereby any such penalty or quintuple duty shall be recovered, he shall be rewarded in the like manner.

20. If any broker or other agent of any person or persons, upon any such sale or transfer, as aforesaid, shall make or sign or transmit or transfer upon which stamp duty is chargeable, an instrument knowingly inserting therein any other fraudulent statement than the full and true consideration therefor in manner required by the last section, he shall be liable to all the penalties and liabilities by the last section imposed, in the same manner as the person mentioned in a fiction thereto, shall forfeit all right or claim to any brokerage, commission, or other remuneration for or in respect of any such sale or transfer as aforesaid.

A characteristic advertisement appears in an Irish newspaper as follows:—"Thers a Biddy Malony, his rummily taken away several articles of wearin' cap and without knowledge, this is therefore to inform him that if he does not forthwith return the same, his name shall be made public."



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THE DOCTOR FOR ALL!

## HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.

Chest Complaints.

No diseases are more frequent, few more dangerous, than affections of the respiratory organs. The first symptoms of catarrh, bronchitis, and influenza may always be radically removed by Holloway's renowned Pills. They quickly remedy any temporary stagnation of blood, relieve any over-gorged veins, moderate the hurried breathing, and enable the lungs to do their office with ease and regularity. These Pills, by their purifying powers, cleanse the blood from all impurities, and fortify the system against consumption, asthma, and similar complaints.

Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, and Bowels.

From various causes these organs are frequently getting out of order, and require some suitable medicine to regulate them. Holloway's Pills effect this object with wonderful celerity and certainty. They do not distress the system, or weaken the frame; they thoroughly invigorate the digestive organs. They gently excite the stomach and liver, stimulate the kidneys to perform their functions efficiently, and act upon the bowels without griping or any other annoyance. Again, taken an hour before dinner, they cannot be equalled as a "Dinner Pill," as they entirely prevent acidity, flatulency, nausea, and biliousness.

Windy or Watery Dropsy.

Whoever is afflicted with these complaints should at once have recourse to Holloway's Pills. They act most energetically on the glandular and absorbent system, purify the blood, and impart a vigour which age or other causes may have temporarily taken away. They excite the kidneys to increased activity, and thereby stimulate the absorbents to remove the fluid already collected.

Disorders Peculiar to Women.

There is no medicine equal to Holloway's Pills for correcting the ailments incidental to females. They may be taken with safety for any irregularity of the system, as they remove all cause of maladies, and so restore, by their grand purifying properties, females of all ages to robust health.

Influenza, Diphtheria, and Sore Throats.

How all important it is to check the first departure from health! all may do so by taking Holloway's Pills, without risk or restriction. In all diseases affecting the blood, nerves, and muscles, or in cases of fever, sore throat, colds, coughs, asthma, and shortness of breath, the earlier they are taken the better.

Children's Complaints.

Diseases incidental to children, such as feverish attacks, scarlet fever, measles, and all diseases of the skin, may be immediately checked, and soon cured, by these purifying Pills, which may be reduced to a powder, and given in doses of one, two, or three nightly, according to the age of the sufferer. Holloway's Ointment is soothing, cooling, and healing, and is better adapted than any other remedy for all external ailments.

Indigestion, Bile, and Sick Headaches.

No organ in the human body is so liable to disorder as the liver, and none is more apt, when neglected, to become seriously diseased. When nausea, flatulency, or acidity on the stomach, warns us that digestion is not proceeding properly, Holloway's Pills regulate every function, give strength to every organ, speedily remove all causes of indigestion, bile, and sick headaches, and effect a permanent cure.

Lumbago, Rheumatism, and Gout.

In these diseases, the blood is always in a highly inflammatory state; the stomach is also disordered, and the liver and kidneys unnaturally torpid. A few doses of these Pills, taken in time, will rectify all these symptoms by their cooling and purifying properties.

Holloway's Pills are the best Remedy known in the world for the following diseases:—

Ague	Inflammation
Asthma	Jaundice
Bilious Complaints	Liver Complaints
Blotches on the Skin	Lumbago
Bowel Complaints	Piles
Colics	Rheumatism
Constipation of the Bowels	Retention of Urine
Consumption	Serofus, or King's Evil
Debility	Sore Throats
Dropsy	Stomach and Gravel
Dysentery	Secondary Symptoms
Erysipelas	Tic Dolorous
Female Irregularities	Tumours
Fevers of all kinds	Ulcers
Fits	Vegetal Affections
Gout	Worms of all kinds
Headache	Weakness, from whatever cause
Indigestion	&c. &c. &c.

There is a considerable saving by taking the larger sizes.

N.B.—Directions for the guidance of patients in every disorder are affixed to each box, and can be had in any language—even in Chinese.

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## THE UNDERSIGNED

Begs to inform the

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OF THE

## PROVINCE OF OTAGO

That the business hitherto carried on by him under the name and style of HAY BROS., TAILORS & OUTFITTERS, Princes-street, Dunedin, will on and after this date be carried on by him under the name and style of

**DAVID R. HAY,**

## TAILOR AND OUTFITTER,

PRINCES-STREET,

DUNEDIN,

DAVID R. HAY.

Princes-street, Dunedin,

26th March, 1870.

N.B.—With reference to the above, I beg most respectfully to inform all those who are indebted to the late firm that I shall feel extremely obliged to them if they will be kind enough to settle their accounts AT ONCE.

DAVID R. HAY.

"Up! Up! my friend, and clear your looks! Why all this toil and trouble?"

ALL those who are suffering from despondency, melancholia, loss of spirits and puck, who feel that they are wasting and pining, and who are gradually getting weaker and weaker, from causes they have not courage or desire to acquaint their family attendant with: in all such cases, Mr L. L. SMITH feels it incumbent on himself to inform such unfortunate patients, that he has devoted his lifetime to the study of these complaints, having been a pupil and assistant of the late Dr Culverwell, of London, who made these diseases his special practice.

In all those diseases relating and pertaining to Married Life, and which make marriage a curse rather than a blessing, Mr L. L. SMITH can be consulted with the greatest certainty of success, and with the additional feeling that no chance can possibly occur of their secret ever being divulged.

Cases of extreme Nervous Debility, where the patient feels that he is exhausted and physically prostrated, and incapable of exertion without great fatigue, then and there the person so situated should at once consult Mr L. L. SMITH, before disease of a more serious character sets in: he above arises frequently from the enervating influence of hot climates, but frequently from other causes of a more serious nature.

Palpitations of the heart, a tendency also to be easily startled and alarmed, is another phase of disease which requires particular attention, as arising from a most important cause; those who suffer from the above have not—

"Mix'd reason with pleasure

And wisdom with mirth;"

But have, on the contrary, been guilty of a secret vice, which has, as it were, eaten into their very vitals. Many "old young men" consult me, who, though young in years, have, through the vice above alluded to, and by their having been quacked by the unqualified and unskilful medical man, at last given up all hope and succumbed, and are aged in their very youth, unfitted to fulfil the duties which they were so to this world to perform.

"Be wise to-day, 'tis madness to defer,

Procrastination is the thief of time."

Mr L. L. SMITH wishes to impress upon those who are labouring under diseases which cannot be treated by the general medical attendant, from insufficient knowledge and practice, that as an expert in these diseases, he has the right to warn the public at large against the number of blatant charlatans and quacks, who not only extort the money out of the pockets of the patients, but are continually ruining the health of the unfortunate sufferers. Many hundreds yearly present themselves to him from all the different colonies, who are thoroughly bankrupt in health and pocket, and they then lament, when too late, the horrible deception which has been practised on them.

Not only do men deceive those unfortunate victims by pretending to be legally-qualified men, but they advertise for sale, and swindle the public, by selling bottles of muck, under the name of "Dr Ricord's Essence of Life," "Balm of Syriacum," and a mass of other quackeries, whose sole province is to extract money out of the pockets of their deluded victims.

Will the public never understand that the only guarantee they can have that they will be honestly and skilfully treated, is the fact that the person to whom they apply for advice is a legally-qualified medical man, who has devoted his time to the branch of practice for which the patient is seeking aid? Secondly, that his long residence in the place, and his position, is at least a guarantee of the estimation in which he is held by his fellow-citizens.

Dr L. L. SMITH can be consulted by letter: fee, £1.

By the above means, any male or female patient can, by describing their symptoms, avoid the unpleasantness, in many cases, of a personal interview, and the patient can retain his incognito.

Medicines appropriately packed to avoid observation are sent to all parts of the colonies, with plain letters as to diet, &c.

Mr L. L. SMITH consults personally daily—mornings before 11, and evenings before 7 and 9, 92 Bourke-street east, Melbourne.

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